

2nd childcare center hearing draws much support

MCS board adopts resolutions of official intent

BY BOB DEMAREE
A second preliminary determination hearing for an Early Learning Center at Madison Consolidated Schools was held

Wednesday with only support voiced for a potential facility on the grounds of the former E.O. Muncie Elementary School costing up to \$28 million.

The MCS board of trustees also unanimously passed three resolutions — a project resolution, a preliminary determination resolution and a declaration of official intent to reimburse expenditures

— that board president John Wallace characterized as “the first step in the legal process” for the potential childcare facility moving forward.

Amy Corsaro, a partner at Ice Miller, said no other board action will happen until after a 30-day waiting period following publication of a legal notice on the proposal.

Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown talked about the need for a comprehensive early learning center, and that a lack of quality childcare is “a community crisis.”

Brown said the data “paints a vivid picture” noting a successful \$750,000 grant awarded in the winter of 2024 “wasn’t just a win. It was lifeline, allowing us to launch a pilot project for our

employees” and a facility filled to capacity “proving the desperate need.”

“We envision an Early Learning Center, a beacon of hope, born from the vacant E.O. Muncie site, a place currently representing disrepair and a safety concern,” Brown said.

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Mark Campbell
A City of Madison work crew this week used shovels and water hoses connected to a hydrant near the Madison Campground to clear debris and flush mud off the campground and Vaughn Drive left behind by last week's high water when the Ohio River flooded. Jefferson and Switzerland counties have been added to Gov. Mike Braun's disaster emergency declaration impacting 35 counties overall.

Gov. Braun adds Jefferson and Switzerland to disaster declaration

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Jefferson and Switzerland counties were added earlier this week to Gov. Mike Braun's disaster emergency declaration of counties severely impacted by weather and flooding.

“Responding to the aftermath of the flood has gone smoothly due to our planning, preparation, and organization,” Madison Mayor Bob Courtney

said Thursday afternoon. “Between damage assessments, debris removal, riverfront clean-up, community outreach, and working with Governor Braun's office to include Jefferson County in the disaster declaration, we have been able to accomplish so much for the benefit of our community, and especially those impacted by the flooding.”

“Our city crews, volun-

teers, contractors, donors, meal providers, and supporters continue to demonstrate the resilience of our incredible community,” Courtney added. “Our work will continue for even more storm mitigation tactics as we prepare for the next emergency, which is hopefully a long way off. It's been quite a year already.”

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Gov. Braun signs SB 1 to provide property tax relief

Change to cut city, county, school funding

BY BOB DEMAREE
A property tax reform bill, Senate Bill 1, was signed into law by Gov. Mike Braun Tuesday that he characterized as “historic tax relief,” but is expected to decrease funding for local governments and school corporations.

The bill is expected to provide \$1.3 Billion in property tax relief for homeowners over the next three years through a property tax credit of up to \$300 and increase the exemption for business personal property taxes while enabling cities and towns to enact their own local income tax to offset the loss of income.

“Senate Bill 1 cuts property taxes for most Hoosier homeowners, farmers, and businesses, limits future tax hikes, and makes the tax system fairer, more transparent and easier to understand,” Braun said Tuesday. “Real property tax relief was a core promise of my Freedom and Opportunity Agenda and with the collaborative leadership of our legislators, we are delivering real savings and protections for taxpayers.”

Last week, before the bill passed, Madison Consolidated Schools Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown said the school corporation could face a loss of \$508,920 in 2026, \$550,330 in 2027 and \$621,060 in 2028 if the bill became law.

On Thursday morning, Jeff Bates, superintendent of Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation, said the school corporation will lose \$99,760 in 2026, \$229,670 in 2027, and \$294,840 in 2028. Meanwhile, estimates show Switzerland County School Corporation could lose \$170,360 in 2026, \$173,010 in 2027 and \$171,020 in 2028.

Brown noted, that in her role as the Legislative Policy Chairperson for the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, she has been closely following the legislation. She said the loss of funds is “very concerning as it directly impacts our Operations Fund. If we do not have enough funding in operations for transportation, utilities, insurance, facility needs etc., then we will need to transfer money from the Educa-

tion Fund to cover those expenses. The Education Fund comes from the state and is directly calculated based on our student enrollment.

“The salaries of our employees comprise roughly 90% of the Education Fund, so if we need to transfer money to cover our operating expenses, it will impact all areas of our school district,” Brown added. “As a district, we have been aggressively making budget cuts to respond to our decreasing (and further anticipated cuts) state funding.”

Brown went on to add: “It is unfortunate that our state government has decided to once again cut public education. Losing the revenue included in SB 1 will greatly reduce our ability to operate and keep the cuts away from the classroom.”

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney made trips to Indianapolis while the Indiana General Assembly was session to testify about the funding needs for city government as a member of the Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AI) Legislative Committee. “Having a seat at the table brings Madison's and Jefferson County's voice to the process,” he said.

“Working with our legislative team at AIM and with members of our general assembly, we were able to convey the serious consequences of this bill on local government throughout the course of the past three months as it was being drafted,” Courtney said. “After much deliberation, the bill signed by Gov. Braun did bring a small reduction in property taxes for homeowners, and does provide tax reductions for farmers, and some businesses, all at the expense of local government resources.”

Courtney said, “The property taxes the city of Madison receives funds its police and fire departments, code enforcement, building and planning, economic development, administration, parks, and streets departments. The city operates a very lean operation and is already struggling to keep up with the demands for the multitude of investments it needs to make to address deferred maintenance, especially in parks, aging infrastructure, housing, and quality of life investments.”

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CHARLIE'S BEAT

NEW ENERGY FOR MADISON'S OLDEST COFFEE SHOP

Those of us, shall we say, “of a certain age,” will remember the expression, “Yeah, that and a dime will get you a cup of coffee!” It was used to signify that the information being shared was basically worthless, since the cost of a cup of coffee was 10 cents, and the information added no value. But the more telling fact was ... coffee used to be so cheap!

Again, us oldsters will relate to this, but back in the day if you



CHARLIE ROHLFING
CHARLIE'S BEAT

wanted a cup of joe, you just went to the local diner. You sat at the counter and they poured your jolt into a small china cup. If you wanted sugar or cream, it was there on the counter. Knock yourself out. It wasn't “to go” in a paper cup, it wasn't venti or grande, and it wasn't three bucks.

But then in the early 90's, Starbucks changed all that. The company went public in '92 and opened their first overseas shop

in '95. Coffee was “a thing” all of a sudden, and specialty coffee shops were popping up in the bigger cities and towns. And in Madison? Well, we eventually got in on the trend, and the very first place I remember to call itself a “Coffee Shop” was the venerable Attic on West Main Street.

“The store opened as a frame shop originally,” says current owner Chris Hornbrook, “and according to legend, the original owner would serve coffee to customers as they waited for their frames to be made. The customers loved the coffee! So

they added some baked goods and simple lunch fare. In time the coffee cafe aspect took over and replaced the frame business.”

Chris and his wife, Lyndsey, are recent new residents to Madison, and they bought the Attic about a year ago. “We came to stay with Lyndsey's mom who lives here, during COVID, and we just fell in love with Madison. I'd been a full time pastor up in Greenwood, Indiana, and we were looking for a change.”

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Charlie Rohlfing
Lindsay and Chris Hornbrook of the Attic on West Main Street in downtown Madison.

OBITUARIES

Steve L. Beach

Steve L. Beach, age 74, of Vevay, IN, was born on July 23, 1950, in Madison, IN. He was the son of the late James Thomas and Christine (Wood) Beach. Steve passed away at 7:35 p.m., Friday, April 11, 2025, at the Norton Hospital in Louisville, KY.

Steve will be missed by his wife, Brenda Sue (Sandlin) Beach of Vevay, IN; his daughters, Melissa Patrick and her husband, Fred of Vevay, IN, and Tonia Brindley

and her husband, Terry of Vevay, IN; his grandchildren, Khelsi Patrick and her fiancé, Kyle Wilson, Kody Patrick, and Jessica Brindley; his great-grandchildren, Madison, Layla, Lilly, and Dakota Wilson; his brother, James “Freddy” Beach and his wife, Dottie of Defiance, OH; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Thomas “Jim” Beach; his mother,

Christine (Wood) Beach; his sister, Martha Ann (Beach) Rowilson, and her husband, Bruce Rowilson, and his brother, Roger Wayne Beach.

Steve’s wishes were to be cremated with no services being held at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Switzerland County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the funeral home or online at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Jerry Michael Horton

Jerry Michael Horton, age 87, of Madison, In, and son of the late Ralph and Frances (Litson) Horton, was born on September 3, 1937, in Madison. Mr. Horton passed away on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at the Norton Hospital in Louisville, KY.

His life will be cherished by his nephews and niece: Robert “Bob” Horton and his wife, Carol, Jane Horton Weixelbaum and her husband, Rick, William Horton, and

Danny Horton; and several great nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers: Donald Horton and William Robert Horton; and several aunts.

Pastor Doug Walker will conduct funeral services at 1 p.m., Monday, April 21, 2025, at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, 117 Holt Drive, Madison, with interment to follow in

the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison.

Friends and family may visit at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel from 11 a.m., until the time of the service on Monday.

Military honors will be conducted by the United States Army and the Major Samuel Woodfill Post #9, American Legion.

Online condolences can be made at www.lytlewelty.com.

Larry David Henry

Larry David Henry, age 73, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Feb. 7, 1952, in Scottsburg, IN. He was the son of the late Robert and Jenny Trotter Henry. Larry died on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 10:35 p.m., at the Hosparus Inpatient Unit of Norton Pavilion in Louisville, KY.

Larry will be missed by his loving wife of nearly 48 years, Penny Sue Gaines Henry of Madison, IN; his daughters, Jessica McClanahan and her husband, Matthew of Howell, MI, Brittany Henry of Madison, IN; his grandchildren, Seth

Henry, Juliet McClanahan and Kara McClanahan; his brother, Loren Henry and his wife, Nancy of Bloomington, IN; his niece, Suzanne Taggart; his great-nephew, Will Taggart; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Barbara Geisler and her husband, Al of Ripley County, IN, Ronnie Gaines and his wife, Donna of North Vernon, IN, Ruth Shirey and her husband, Lowell of Greenwood, IN, Marie Gilpin and her husband, Raymond of North Vernon, IN, Mike Gaines and his wife Janet of Fishers, IN; several other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Henry, his mother, Jenny Trotter Henry, his brothers, Don Henry and Ron Henry, and his sister-in-law, Joyce Seale.

Cremation was chosen with a celebration of life to be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hanover Baptist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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Work has begun on SR 56 slide correction with new detour route

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Work began Monday on State Road 56 to repair a road slide approximately 4.6 miles east of Madison that has resulted in a road closure for the foreseeable future, according to Sidney Nierman, public relations director for INDOT Southeast.

That section of road —

between North Bee Camp Road and North Shirks Hollow Road —was closed March 27 because of safety risks related to the road slide, requiring emergency slide work which Indiana Department of Transportation has contracted with Geo-Specialties to perform.

On Tuesday, INDOT

announced an updated detour for the current slide repair closure, establishing the official detour to now follow U.S. 421 to State Road 129 to State road 56.

The detour has been updated due to a conflicting weight limit restriction on the initial detour route.

Louisville man arrested for alleged murder of Hanover woman

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Louisville man was arrested Tuesday for the alleged murder of a Hanover woman earlier this week.

Shawn Bailey, 33, Louisville, was charged in the alleged murder of Wilma Robertson, 35, Hanover, who was found dead by law enforcement during a wellness check at her Hickory Drive home Monday.

Bailey was arrested in Louisville at approximately 10:53 p.m. Tuesday

and lodged in the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections. A hearing will be scheduled in the Jefferson Circuit Court once Bailey is transported to Indiana.

The investigation is ongoing and individuals with information regarding the case should contact Detective Yancy Denning with the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office at 812-274-3755.

JCSO’s investigation is being assisted by the Indiana State Police, the Town of Hanover Police Department, the Jefferson County Coroner’s Office, Jefferson County 911/Central Dispatch, the Jefferson County Prosecutor’s Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the U.S. Marshal’s Service, and the Jeffersonville Police Department.



Shawn Bailey

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS
April 14, 2025

Emma Lynze Smith, 29, Madison, Possession of Methamphetamine and Theft, both Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

April 16, 2025

Jamie Sue Dionne, 45, Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond \$500 cash.

Darin R. Shelley, 59, North Vernon, Indiana, Sexual Battery and Criminal Confinement, both Level 6 felonies. No bond.

Timothy Lee Pettitt, 53, Hanover, on a warrant for probation violation (drug charges). Bond \$5,000 cash.

Russell Logan Lee Long, 25, Madison, on a warrant for probation violation (theft). Bond \$5,000 cash.

Brittany Noel Jenkins, 37, Madison, on a warrant for failure to appear (drug and nuisance charges). Bond \$2,500 cash.

Shane Ryan Gibson, 38, Lexington, Indiana, for Invasion of Privacy, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

William Tyler Gee, 24, Clarksville, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony; Possession of Marijunaa, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession fo Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor, No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS
April 14, 2025

Dakota Morgan, 23, Mesa, Arizona, to an amended charge of Pos-

session of Marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$489 in fees and court costs.

April 15, 2025

John Lennon Popp, Jeffersonville, Indiana, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended except for 5 actual days jail, with credit for 2 days served and 3 days to be executed on May 22, 2025. Placed on supervised probation for 725 days plus \$589.50 in fees and court costs and driver’s license suspended for 180 days.

Jeffrey Allen Konkle, 46, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 72 days jail served, plus \$789 in fees and court costs. State also agrees not to file for revocation of probation on 1,095-day suspended sentence in prior Level 5 felony Possession of Methamphetamine conviction.

April 16, 2025

Robert Dale Wiesman, 44, Crothersville, Indiana, to an amended charge of Trafficking with an Inmate, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation after release from treatment facility plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

David Lee Johnson, 59, Madison, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to 360 days probation except for 5 days with credit for 3 days jail served and 2 days to be executed plus \$589.50 in fees and court costs

and 90 day suspension of driver’s license with Specialized Driving Privileges.

Christopher Robert Shaw, 43, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended consecutive to 120 days jail, fully executed, served and place on supervised probation for 730 days plus \$989.50 in fees and court costs.

Christopher Robert Shaw, 43, Madison, for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 6 days jail, served plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Christopher M. Campbell, 34, North Vernon, Indiana, to amended charges of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor, and Leaving Scene of Accident, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail on the Class A misdemeanor concurrent to 18 days jail on the Class B misdemeanor, all suspended except for 2 days jail, served. Placed on 363 days supervised probation plus \$589.50 in fees and court costs, restitution to be determined and 180 day loss of driver’s license with specialized driving privileges.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY
April 14, 2025

Kenneth W. Vinson to Stanley Keith Stewart, 4066 West Interstate Block Road, Madison.

Liansheng Qi and Shuhui Zhou to Sheg Qi, 150 Hooton Boulevard, Madison.

David A. Gray and Deborah L. Gray to Leslie Blanford, 317 Hickory Drive, Hanover.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

April 18
Erin Kindle

April 19
Laura Carr

April 20
Darlene Meadows

April 23
Devin Brierly
Collin Overton

April 24
Jamie Cahill
Joie Nolasco

April 25
George Butcher — 68
Ray Heilman
Doug Rusk

April 26
Janice Hoffman
Justin Perkinson
Joyce Wentworth
Mark Willhoite
Tabatha Williams
Jodi Yancey

April 29
Charley Wiggins



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WEATHER

Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.
Sunset: 8:23 p.m.
Temperature: High 68, Low 41, Mean 54.5, Deficit 0.1
Precipitation since last published: 0
Precipitation, April 2025: 7.14
Precipitation, 2025: 23.51
Barometer: 30.07, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 453.6, Falling
Forecast: Saturday: Thunderstorms High 69/Low 54; Easter Sunday: Showers High 74/Low 61; Monday: Showers High 66/ Low 47; Tuesday: Mostly sunny High 73/Low 50.

LOTTERY

NDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 2-21-27-30-34-43 (4/16). Estimated Jackpot: \$2.2 million. Next Drawing (4/19).
Cash Five: 6-27-34-36-38 (4/16)
Cash 4 Life: 3-21-28-42-57 CB: 1 (4/16)
KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 8-14-18-32 CB 5 (4/16)
Lucky For Life: 1-34-38-43-47 LB: 3 (4/16)

MEGAMILLIONS: 6-10-13-24-63 MB: 2 (4/15). Next Jackpot: \$112 million. Next Drawing (4/18)
POWERBALL: 20-24-42-43-49 PB: 19, PP 3 (4/16). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$131 million. Next Drawing (4/19)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 7-36-40-47-59 PB: 9 (4/16). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (4/19)

OBITUARIES

Patricia ‘Patty’ Moyer Gaines

Patricia ‘Patty’ Moyer Gaines, age 69, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Nov. 22, 1955, in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Forrest Byrd and Helen Irene “Susie” Richter Moyer. She resided all of her life in Madison, IN, and was a 1975 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School. She was blessed to raise two sons, Jodie and Cory. On Jan. 5, 2004, she was united in marriage to Mark Allen Gaines in Gatlinburg, TN. She was employed for ten years with Grote Industries. She was an interpreter for the deaf and had worked for several years for the Deaf Community Center in Louisville, KY. She was of the Christian faith and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, antiquing, loved humming birds, and sign language. Patty died on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 4:10 a.m., at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH.

Patty will be missed by her loving husband of 21 years, Mark Allen Gaines of Madison, IN;



her sons, Jodie Giltner of Madison, IN, Cory Madison and his wife, Brittany of Madison, IN; her God daughter, Laura Tingle of Chicago, IL; her grandchildren, Christian Tyler Giltner, Alaina Jewell Giltner, Landon Michael Madison, Carter Matthew Madison; her brothers, Johnny J. Moyer and his wife, Debra of Buffalo Junction, Virginia, Milton David Baker of Madison, IN, Tony Baker and his wife, Becki of Dupont, IN; her sisters, Cookie Birge of Dupont, IN, Tammy Baker Black of Madison, IN, Regina Brown of Scipio, IN; her best friend, Sharon Stotts of Kent, IN, Dora Sue Wheeler and her husband, Jim

of Pembroke, VA, and William Byrd Moyer and his wife, Angela of Patterson, Louisiana; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Forrest Byrd Moyer, her mother, Helen Irene “Susie” Richter Moyer, her sisters, Roxanne Nicholas and Terri Moyer, her brother, Richard Glenn Moyer.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, April 18, 2025, at 5 p.m., by Rev. Rod Asher at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Fairmount Cemetery in Madison.

Friends may visit Friday from 3 — 5 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Deaf Institute. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Nick Lee James



Nick Lee James, age 74, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Dec. 5, 1950, in Winchester, IN. He was the loving son of the late Hubert Eugene and Nilah Maxine Green James. He was a 1969 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School, and went on to obtain his BSN from Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, IL, in 1973. He married Aleta Kay Potter on June 27, 1970, at the Madison First Church of the Nazarene. This happy union of nearly 55 years was blessed with children, Jason, Amanda, and Devin. He began working at King’s Daughter’s Hospital at age 16 as an orderly, and stayed as an RN from 1974 to 1980. He served as the Director of Nursing from 1980 to 1990. He then worked from 1990 to 1992, at the Madison State Hospital as a registered nurse. In 1992, he returned to King’s Daughters’ Hospital, where he worked as the Director of the Intensive Care Unit for 18 years before his retirement in 2012. He attended and held membership in the Madison First Church of the Nazarene. Nick was a charter member of the Southeastern Indiana Nurses Honor Guard. He loved horseback riding, his trips to Myrtle Beach, and taking care of his lawn. He was awaiting the birth of another great grandson due in May. Nick died on

Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 12:51 a.m., at his home in Madison, IN, with his loving family at his side.

Nick will be missed by his loving wife of nearly 55 years, Aleta Kay Potter James of Madison, IN; his loving sons, Jason James and his companion, Paula Colwell of Madison, IN, Devin James and his wife, Angie of Scottsburg, IN; his loving daughter, Amanda Michelle James Berry Vance and her husband, Jason of Madison, IN; his grandchildren, Kelsey (Josh), Brandon, Kaitlinne (Ben), Dalton (Constance), Tyler, Cameron, and Keirstin; his great-grandchildren, Brier, James, Gunner Tate; his sisters, Pam Bruther of Madison, IN, Carol Wolf and her husband, Jon of Madison, IN, Valerie Graham of Madison, IN; his sisters-in-law, Sandy Potter and her wife, Kathy of Seymour, IN, Cindy Sparks and her husband, Syd of Aurora, IN; his brother-in-law, Allen Douglas “Doug” Potter and his wife, Juanita of

Kent, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hubert Eugene James, his mother, Nilah Maxine Green James, his sister, Sherry Lynn James, his brother-in-law, Danny Bruther, and his son-in-law, Lance Christopher Berry.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, April 18, 2025, at 11 a.m., by Rev. Joe Cartwright at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Private Interment will follow in the Dupont Cemetery in Dupont, IN.

Friends may visit Thursday, April 17, 2025, from 4 — 7 p.m., and Friday, April 18, 2025, from 9 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

The Southeastern Indiana Nurse Honor Guard will honor Nick on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to Southeastern Indiana Nurse Honor Guard. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Barbara Ann Gourley Peddie

Barbara Ann Gourley Peddie, age 78, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Nov. 18, 1946, in Madison, IN, the cherished daughter of the late Robert M. and Marianne Knoebel Gourley. A lifelong resident of her beloved hometown, Barbara graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 1964, before continuing her education at Spencerian College in Louisville, KY, where she earned her degree as a medical secretary. On Jan. 7, 1967, she was united in marriage to the love of her life, David Michael Peddie, at St. Michael Catholic Church. Together, they shared 58 beautiful years of marriage, raising two children, Mary Carolyn and Robert. Together, they built a home rooted in faith, devotion, and unconditional love. Barbara’s professional life reflected her deep care for others. She worked as a medical secretary for Dr. McAtee at Madison State Hospital before finding her true calling as a pre-school teacher at Pope John Elementary School, where she joyfully nurtured young minds for 20 years. Her boundless compassion and gentle spirit touched every child she encountered. Deeply spiritual and endlessly creative, Barbara’s love for nature and beauty shone through in everything she did. She found joy in gardening, knitting, weaving, and exploring the world through travel. Her passion for learning and sharing led her to become an active



member of numerous clubs, including the National Herb Society, local weaving, knitting, and garden clubs, and the Tri Kappa Sorority. Barbara was the heart of her family-its compass, its matriarch, and its most faithful cheerleader. She was selfless, strong, and always put her loved ones first. Whether she was whipping up something delicious in the kitchen, sending playful “text bombs” to her grandchildren, or simply listening with her whole heart, she brought light and laughter to every corner of life. To her adoring grandchildren, she was lovingly known as “Oowhoo,” a name she wore with pride and joy. A master of Free Cell and Solitaire, a wise and whimsical soul, and a woman whose hands were always busy creating something beautiful-Barbara’s legacy is stitched into the hearts of those who were lucky enough to know her. Her spirit will live on in every bloom she planted, every child she taught, and every act of kindness she inspired. Barbara died on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 1:07 a.m., at the Baptist Health-Floyd in New Albany, IN, with her loving family at her

side.

Barbara will be missed by her beloved husband of 58 years, David Michael Peddie of Madison, IN; her loving daughter, Mary Caroline Peddie Miller and her husband, Marc of Madison, IN; her loving son, Robert Peddie and his wife, Alicia Esparza of Greenwood, IN; her adoring grandchildren, Noah (Hannah), Hannah, Sadie, Hope, and Jobe; her sister, Mariellen Shea and her husband, Pete of Jeffersonville, IN; her brother, Paul Gourley and his wife, Chris of Madison, IN; her brother-in-law, Pete Peddie and his wife, Paula of Orlando, FL; her sister in law, Toi Peddie of Stevensville, MI; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert M. Gourley, and her mother, Marianne Knoebel Gourley.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 2 p.m., by Bro. Bob Hicks at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Saturday from 12 — 2 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter or the Children’s Advocacy Center. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Robert ‘Button’ Edward Page

Robert ‘Button’ Edward Page, age 90, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on Dec. 2, 1934, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of the late Theodore Page and Thelma Aretta Simmons Housefield. He was a 1953 graduate of North Madison High School. He married Bettie Jo Scudder on April 4, 1953, in Carrollton, KY. This happy union of 67 years was blessed with three sons, Ted, Mike and Rick. He entered the United States Navy on Aug. 18, 1953, in Louisville, KY, and rose to the rate of HM2 during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged on Aug.14, 1957, in Long Beach, CA, receiving the National Defense Service Medal, the Good conduct Medal, and the Commanding Officer’s letter of commendation. He lived his entire life in the Jefferson County area. He worked for many years as a truck driver, and later went to work for Southwestern School Corporation as a janitor for 15 years. He was a member of Kent Christian Church as well as the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American



Legion. He loved hunting, playing cards, and taking care of his garden. Bob died on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 7:45 a.m., at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover.

Bob will be missed by his loving sons, Ted Page and his wife, Sue of Hanover, IN, Mike Page of Hanover, IN, and Rick Page and his wife, Teresa of Hanover, IN; his grandchildren, Lindsey, Jason (Brandi), Paula (Josh), and Erica (Mark); his great-grand-children, Ethan, Aiden, Abby, Ashley, Braden, and Quentin; his brother-in-law, Allen Leroy Bright of Madison, Indiana; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Theodore Page, his

mother, Thelma Aretta Simmons Housefield, his wife, Bettie Jo Scudder Page, died Nov. 15, 2020, his sister, Ruth Ann Page Bright, and his granddaughter, Rachel Jackson.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 12 p.m., by Pastor Mike Cammack at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, IN. Interment will follow in the Kent Cemetery in Kent, IN.

Friends may visit on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, from 10 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre-Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, IN.

A final salute with military honors will be conducted by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Michael Ray Courtney II, 47, of Vevay, IN, died Monday, April 14, 2025, at University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville. Arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home of Vevay, www.haskell-landmorrison.com.

David S. Graham, 77, of Madison, IN, died Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Norton Women’s and Childrens’ Hospital in Louisville. Funeral

services will be at noon Saturday, April 19, at Point of Grace Church in Madison, with interment to follow at a later date in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Marilyn Diane Riddle Gray, 71, of Milton, KY, died Tuesday, April 15,

2025, at her home in Milton. Cremation was chosen with a celebration of life at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Madison VFW Post 1969 in Madison. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Norma Jean Martin, 82, of Carrollton, KY, died Sunday, April 13, 2025. Funeral service

will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, with burial to follow at Carrollton I.O.O.F. Cemetery, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneral-home.com.

Eugene McIntosh, 87, of Paris Crossing, IN, died Monday, April 14, 2025, at his residence. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 18, at Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home

in North Vernon, IN, with burial in the Coffee Creek Christian Church Cemetery in Paris Crossing, www.dovesharprudicel.com.

Wilma Gayle Robertson, 35, of Hanover, IN, died Monday, April 14, 2025, at her home in Hanover. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, April 21, 2025, at 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree

Drive in Madison. Interment will follow in the Worthville Cemetery in Worthville, KY, www.morgan-nay.com.

Joseph “Joe” Edward Yager, 83, of Madison, IN, died Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at Norton King’s Daughters’ Health in Madison. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

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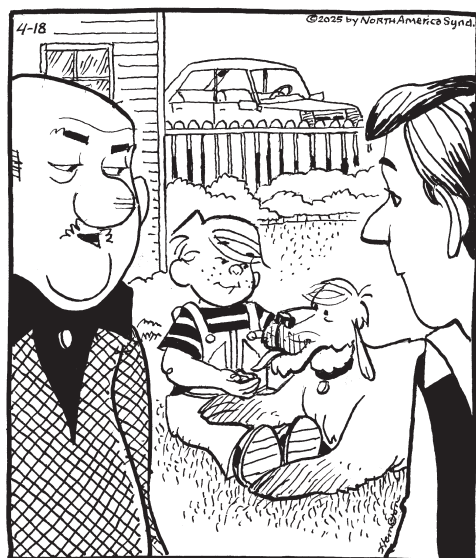
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“Do one HOT PINK, then one in AVOCADO, then HARVEST GOLD, and then ...”

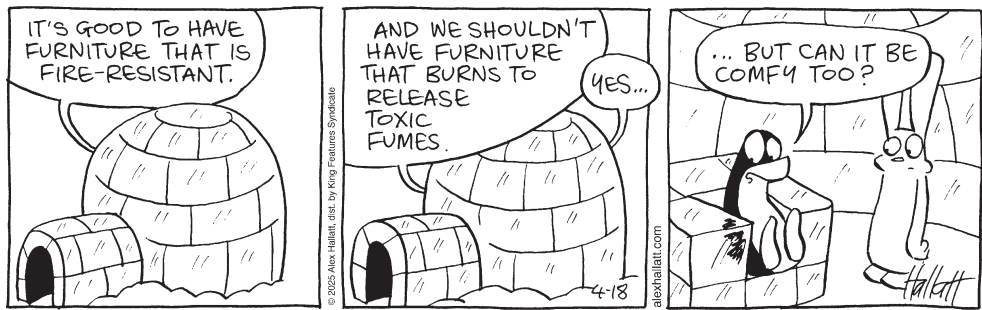
DENNIS THE MENACE



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“THAT’S DENNIS AND HIS ACCOMPLICE.”

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Hold my calls. I have a board meeting.

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BEETLE BAILEY



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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



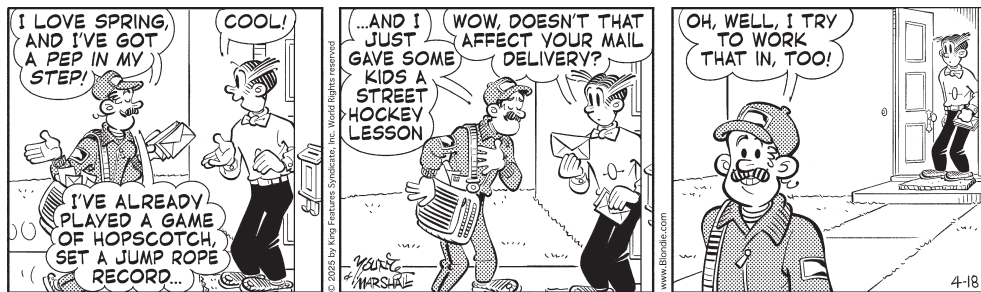
THE TENANT

Mommy, Mr. Gloomy wants bourbon.

FREE RENT? WHAT'S THE CATCH?

YOU HAVE TO ATTEND TEA PARTIES AS THE KID'S IMAGINARY FRIEND.

BLONDIE



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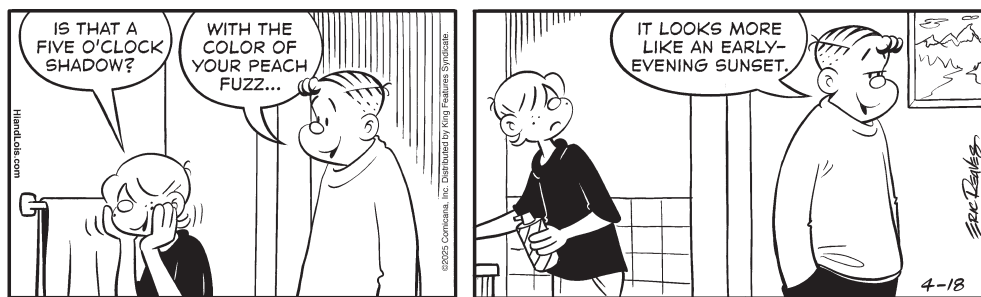
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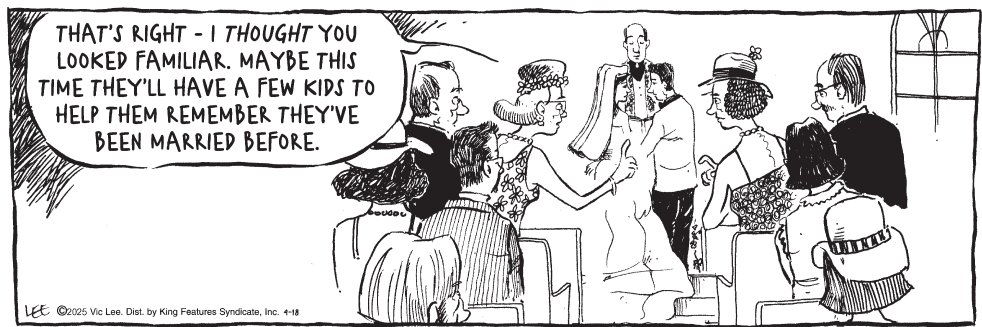
HI & LOIS



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PARDON MY PLANET



THAT'S RIGHT - I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED FAMILIAR. MAYBE THIS TIME THEY'LL HAVE A FEW KIDS TO HELP THEM REMEMBER THEY'VE BEEN MARRIED BEFORE.

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ZITS



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DUMPLINGS



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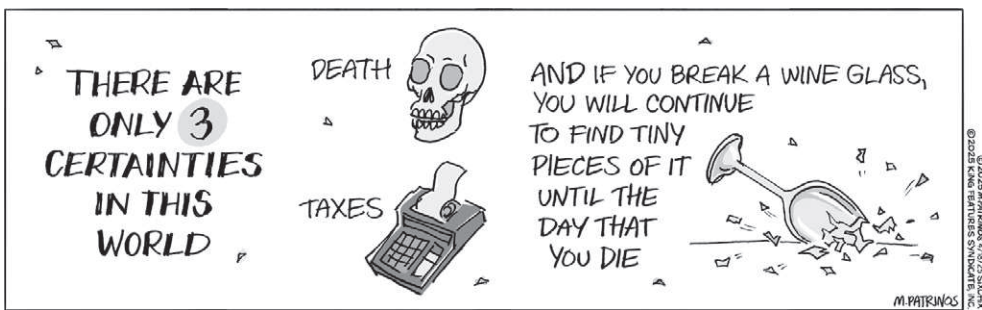
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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SIX CHIX



THERE ARE ONLY 3 CERTAINTIES IN THIS WORLD

DEATH

TAXES

AND IF YOU BREAK A WINE GLASS, YOU WILL CONTINUE TO FIND TINY PIECES OF IT UNTIL THE DAY THAT YOU DIE

M. PATRICKS

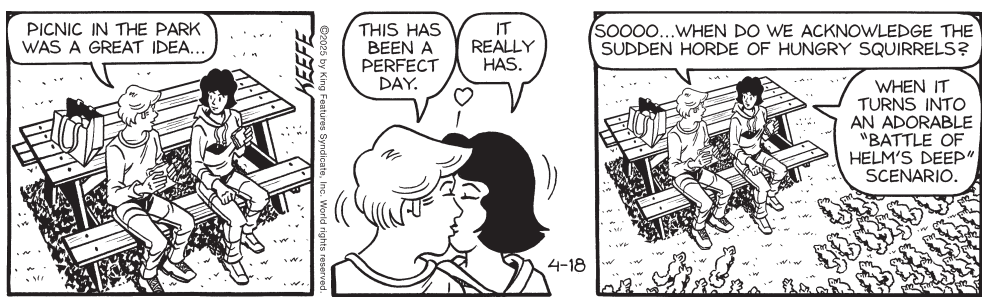
BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



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SALLY FORTH



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DUSTIN



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MUTTS



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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BIL AND JEFF KEANE

"If he brings eggs, why isn't he the Easter Chicken?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

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"DON'T WORRY. THERE'S NO FIRE."

"WHEN THE SMOKE ALARM GOES OFF, WE KNOW IT'S TIME FOR DINNER."

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ARCTIC CIRCLE

GLEANNING RESCUES HARVESTED FOOD THAT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR SUPERMARKETS.

THESE CARROTS ARE TOO UGLY FOR THEM.

LET ME SEE.

THEY HAVE A POINT.

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Send backup, with shredded cheese, butter and diced ham.

BEETLE BAILEY

MOM, IS IT POSSIBLE I COULD BRING SARGE FOR EASTER DINNER?

WHY?

SELF-PRESERVATION GOTCHA. WHAT ARE HIS FAVORITES?

GREG + MORT WALKER

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE

HEADQUARTERS

Is it structurally sound?

TETRIS GAMES inc.

I LIKE THE EXPOSED BRICK, BUT THIS IS EMBARRASSING.

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BLONDIE

ARE YOU ABOUT TO TAKE A NAP, DEAR?

YEAH, A SHORT NAP SOUNDS NICE

OH, GOOD...THAT'LL GIVE YOU TIME TO CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE BEFORE DINNER

A LONG NAP SOUNDS NICER

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CURTIS

WHAT'S FUNNY, CURTIS?

AN UNRULY MOB OF KIDS RUNNING WILD IN A MALL. HILARIOUS.

IF I EVER HEAR OF YOU PARTICIPATING IN ANYTHING LIKE THIS, YOU WON'T FIND IT SO FUNNY.

I GOT YELLED AT FOR SOMETHING I DIDN'T EVEN DO

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HI & LOIS

TOMORROW IS EASTER.

YOU HAVE TO WEAR YOUR SUNDAY BEST

HE'LL STILL BE ON HIS WORST BEHAVIOR.

DON'T START.

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PARDON MY PLANET

WATSON! I'VE DONE IT! I'VE INVENTED A DEVICE THAT LETS YOU SHARE A PICTURE OF YOURSELF WITH THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD WITHOUT HAVING TO TALK TO ANYONE! EVER!

LEE

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ZITS

COULD YOU TRY TO LOOK A LITTLE MORE MUSICALLY CHALLENGED?

SORRY. HOW'S THIS?

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DUMPLINGS

SO DANI WASN'T UPSET THAT YOU GOT ALL MUDDY?

NO - SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT SOME-TIMES I JUST CAN'T HELP MYSELF. THAT'S GOOD.

REMEMBER THAT TIME YOU DID HELP YOUR-SELF?... TO HER BIRTH-DAY CAKE

SHE WASN'T SO UNDER-STANDING THEN. NO. SHE WASN'T.

VAN ACKER

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE HAVING A BROTHER WHO'S ALWAYS THE FAVORITE?

I DON'T!

I DO. MY BROTHER IS A CHAMPION RACEHORSE!

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SIX CHIX

We're short on eggs again this year. We're asking the delivery staff to try to compensate!

Happy Easter! Instead of giving out eggs this year, we're letting you raise your own!

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH

YA EVER BROKE ENNY BONES, SNUFFY?

NOPE, BUT ONCE I SPRAINED MY ANKLE AN' MY WRIST AN' TH' SAME TIME !!

AN' BY TH' TIME I PAID DOC PRITCHART'S BILL, I WUZ BROKE !!

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SALLY FORTH

DID YOU TWO HAVE A NICE DAY OUT?

WE DID! AND WE BROUGHT BACK BANANA AND ZUCCHINI BREAD!

THERE'S LIKE TWO SMALL HUNKS HERE.

WE HAD TO BUY OUR WAY OUT OF A, UM, SQUIRREL SITUATION.

KEEFE

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DUSTIN

HOW WAS THE YOGA CLASS I SIGNED YOU UP FOR?

NOT GREAT...

TURNS OUT I WASN'T FIT ENOUGH FOR YOGA.

THE "DOWNWARD DOG" POSE MORPHED INTO THE BEACHED WHALE WITH A NECK SPASM.

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MUTTS

MEOW! MEOW! BARK! BARK! Moo!

WOW...A MOCKINGBIRD!

CLUCK CLUCK

SHTOP! SHTOP!

HE WAS SHTARTING TO USE FOWL LANGUAGE.

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Canaan to launch after school learning center led by Allard

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Canaan Community Academy is launching a 21st Century Learning Center beginning with the 2025-2026 school year this August and Jake Allard has been named as coordinator.

A father of two, Allard has been active in the local community for several years and his experience working with children has proven useful and effective through his time volunteering in 4-H, River Valley's Summer Meals Program, and his employment in elementary education, said a news release issued by the school.

Canaan Community Academy is an Indiana Department of Education Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Certified school where all students participate and the 21st Century Learning Center will be a STEM-based after school program. The goal is to engage young minds in fun and active learning and the Center will be designed to guide students through their education, encouraging them to solve real-world problems using inquiry-based learning, science and engineering design practices, critical thinking



Jake Allard

and collaboration, the release said. The program is designed to enhance the students' real-world skills, prepping them for careers and community involvement as they grow. This is accomplished through STEM-based group missions, physical and mental health development, sports clinics, special guests and workshops. "The next generations have the potential to be great leaders with proper guidance and an engaging education," said Allard. There are many areas of interest that can foster the excitement of students including: electronics, coding, culinary arts, robotics, parkour, and more. Such programs will be provided to the children free of charge, including snacks and transportation to primary stops. The school is seeking masters of their fields or hobby specialists who would have an interest in making a guest appearance or conducting a short workshop to further enhance students' experience. To express interest or for more info, Contact Allard at jallard@canaanca.com at Canaan Community Academy or call 812-839-0003 or stop by the school.

Southwestern Prom Court



Photos by Bob Demaree

Southwestern High School will hold its prom on Saturday. Queen and King candidates are (from left): Front row, are Eden Wehner, Emily Riggs, Aryanna Jenkins and Myah Hofelich. Back row, are Austin Jenkins, Adam Boley and Wayde Barker. King candidate Wyatt Barker is not pictured.



Southwestern High School will hold its prom Saturday. Princess and Princess candidates are (from left): Front row, are Hillarie Buchanan, Lily Eggenstiller, Emma Hatton and Riley Crawford. Back row, are Adith Arunsunhur, Connor Johnson, Colton Thornton and Caleb Goode.

TAX

FROM PAGE A1

Just in the next three years alone, Gov. Braun's tax bill will reduce city tax revenues by an estimated \$1.3 million and over \$5.8 million county-wide when taking into consideration all units of government and more in the foreseeable future. This is a substantial impact on our ability to provide essential services and much needed investments, as well as absorb the cumulative impact from high inflation which in some sectors has been in double digits." However, he said there is a chance the city can raise funds in other ways. "The new law does give the city and county governments the ability to raise revenue from new local income taxes and various fees, which is something we have to explore and will make well informed decisions about," Courtney said. "Overall, our community's property tax rates are already low, and most residents benefit from the constitutional property tax caps already in place. Other

than the property tax credit — between \$200-\$300 — most homeowners won't see any major difference, however, collectively, it strains our resources even further. Despite the challenges, I am very confident in our ability to navigate through this, and work to engage with our community to deliver exceptional outcomes. The city remains fully committed to elevating the quality of life in Madison." The legislation was adopted by the House of Representatives by a final vote of 65-29 on April 10 in which Grant Bascom, Zach Payne and Alex Zimmerman, representatives whose districts include parts of Jefferson and Switzerland County, all voted in favor of the bill. The final legislative vote was Tuesday in the Indiana Senate, where it passed 27-22 with support of State Sen. Randy Maxwell, who serves Dearborn, Jefferson, Ohio, Scott and Switzerland counties and southern Jennings County. A press release from Indiana Senate Republicans stated that two-thirds of Hoosier homeowners would see lower tax bills in 2026 compared to their 2025 bill. SB

1 gives every homestead an extra annual property tax credit to reduce their bill by 10% with a maximum of \$300. The bill ensures seniors, blind and disabled Hoosiers, and veterans are eligible for property tax benefits and receive a meaningful tax benefit by changing the current deductions into property tax credits. This means their property tax bill will decrease even if their bill is at the property tax cap. SB 1 also removes the assessed value limit to qualify for these credits. Additionally, SB 1 saves farmers \$116 million by adjusting the agricultural land assessment formula for two years, which will reduce the assessed value of farmland and cut property taxes. For business owners, SB 1 significantly increases the Business Personal Property Tax exemption. For 2026 property taxes, any business with less than \$1 million in personal property will be exempt from the tax. For 2027 and beyond, any business with less than \$2 million in personal property will be exempt from the tax. The bill also removes the existing 30% depreciation floor for personal property placed in service after Jan. 1, 2025.

Hiker bound for Pacific Ocean makes a stop in Madison

BY JED SKILLMAN
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

American Discovery Trail hiker Stephen Gefell, of Rochester, New York, passed through Madison Friday on his way to the Pacific Ocean. Beginning his trek in Cape Hamilton, Delaware, on Feb. 23, Gefell had already logged 948 miles on arrival in Madison. His objective while in town was picking up a new pair of hiking shoes that he had ordered ahead from Hertz Shoes on Main Street. The purpose of his trek? "I've always loved the outdoors and wanted to do a long hike. I'm 32 now and realized I've spent most of my life in college getting two degrees or working. So, if I'm ever going to have this kind of adventure I've got to do it now.

"The Appalachian Trail has gotten too crowded," Gefell said. "And the Pacific Crest has too many wildfires, so I thought, 'why not just hike straight across the country?' " Sea to shining sea. Gefell said aside from the rain and snow the trip so far has been very pleasant. But once he crosses the Mississippi River Gefell is aware the American landscape will expand into vast spaces of farmland, prairies, and long desolate stretches with few towns and summer heat. Is he on any schedule? "I want to reach San Francisco by December ... but I have to be across the Sierras by Halloween unless I want to risk ending up like the Donner Party ... and I'm just a party of one." After coffee and break-



American Discovery Trail hiker Stephen Gefell, of Rochester, New York, passing through Madison Friday on his way to the Pacific Ocean.

Photos by Jed Skillman



American Discovery Trail hiker Stephen Gefell, of Rochester, New York, having coffee and breakfast at The Attic while passing through Madison Friday on his way to the Pacific Ocean.



American Discovery Trail hiker Stephen Gefell sharing stories of his adventures with locals Chip Binzer (left) and Karen Skillman while having coffee and breakfast at The Attic in downtown Madison. Gefell, of Rochester, New York, was passing through Madison Friday on his way to the Pacific Ocean.

fast at Analog, Gefell shouldered his backpack to head out. "Madison is one of the most interesting towns I've been through so far. While I'm here I want to take a look at the Lanier Mansion and maybe the falls in Clifty Park, but I have to make 13 miles today."

The Importance of Working on Balance for Retirees



Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
Wealth Management

It might seem silly, why would I write about balance in a financial column? Simple, recently I had a serious operation and recovering has been difficult. Keeping my balance was a core reason for recovering. Just like you need balance in your portfolio, you also need balance in your physical life. Working on balance is critically important for retirees to maintain physical health, prevent falls, and preserve independence during the retirement years. As individuals age, changes in strength, flexibility, and coordination can affect balance, increasing the risk of falls and related injuries. Implementing balance exercises and activities can significantly improve stability and reduce the likelihood of accidents, enabling retirees to enjoy an active and fulfilling lifestyle. One key reason why working on balance is essential for retirees is fall prevention. Falls are a common and serious concern among older adults, often leading to injuries such as fractures, head trauma, and mobility limitations. Improving balance through targeted exercises helps strengthen muscles, enhance coordination, and increase proprioception (awareness of body position), reducing the risk of falls and

enhancing overall safety. Furthermore, working on balance contributes to maintaining mobility and functional independence in retirement. Retirees who prioritize balance training are better equipped to perform daily activities such as walking, climbing stairs, and getting in and out of chairs with ease and confidence. By improving balance, retirees can preserve their ability to live independently and engage in activities they enjoy throughout their retirement years. Moreover, balance exercises support overall physical fitness and well-being in retirement. A strong sense of balance enhances core stability, posture, and body control, which can improve overall movement efficiency and reduce strain on joints and muscles. Retirees who incorporate balance training into their fitness routine may experience better overall strength, flexibility, and endurance, supporting an active and healthy lifestyle. Another important aspect of working on balance is its impact on reducing the risk of chronic conditions and health issues associated with aging. Balance exercises can help prevent conditions such as osteoporosis, arthritis, and back pain by promoting bone density, joint flexibility, and spinal alignment. Additionally, maintaining good balance supports cardiovascular health, cognitive function, and mental well-being in retirement. Additionally, working on balance contributes to fall recovery and injury rehabilitation among retirees. In the event of a fall or injury, individuals with strong balance skills are more likely to recover quickly and regain mobility compared to those with poor balance. Balance exercises can facilitate recovery, enhance confidence, and reduce fear of falling, promoting a faster return to normal activities and lifestyle. It's important for retirees to incorporate a variety of balance exercises into their fitness routine to target different muscle groups and enhance overall stability. Some effective balance exercises for retirees include:

- 1. Standing on One Leg:** Stand on one leg while holding onto

a stable surface for support if needed, then switch legs. This exercise improves leg strength and balance.

- 2. Heel-to-Toe Walk:** Walk in a straight line placing the heel of one foot directly in front of the toes of the other foot. This exercise enhances coordination and balance.
- 3. Tai Chi or Yoga:** Participate in Tai Chi or yoga classes that emphasize balance, flexibility, and mindfulness. These practices promote overall body awareness and stability.
- 4. Balance Board or Stability Ball Exercises:** Use balance boards or stability balls to challenge balance and core strength through controlled movements.
- 5. Water Aerobics:** Take water aerobics classes or perform exercises in a pool, which provide low-impact resistance and support while improving balance and mobility.

In conclusion, working on balance is crucial for retirees to maintain physical health, prevent falls, and support functional independence during retirement. By incorporating balance exercises into their fitness routine and lifestyle, retirees can improve stability, reduce the risk of injuries, enhance overall mobility, and enjoy an active and fulfilling retirement with confidence and vitality. Prioritizing balance training is an investment in long-term health and well-being, enabling retirees to age gracefully and maintain a high quality of life throughout their retirement years.

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HMI continues to move forward with restoration of Sullivan House

BY BOB DEMAREE
Restoration of the Judge Jeremiah Sullivan House is underway and seeking to create a more authentic look to the circa 1820 structure that was home to the Sullivans for more than 60 years.

Last week, Historic Madison Inc. (HMI) held its annual meeting with President John Staicer highlighting the organization's accomplishments including restoration of the Sullivan House.

The home's restoration is based on an architect's restoration concept from a 700-page historic structures report that provided a full-scale architectural historical and engineering study. Paint analysis and physical document evidence helped to determine how the house looked in the 1800s.

The Jeremiah Sullivan House is also significant to the existence of HMI, established in 1960, with the earliest priority of HMI founder John Windle being to save the house from demolition and preserve it. HMI purchased the house in December 1960 and opened it to the public in 1963. "Since that time, tens of thousands of people have walked through the doors of the house," said Staicer.



Bob Demaree
Historic Madison Inc. President John Staicer shows a sample of the floor cloth — basically an oil painting of a geometric pattern on canvas that is glued to the floor — that was completed in the past year as part of the restoration of HMI's Jeremiah Sullivan House.

Paint analysis determined the doors had been faux painted to look like mahogany and the baseboards had been painted to look like marble. "It was hard to get mahogany and marble out here on the frontier in 1820," said Staicer, so painting served as a less expensive and easier way to give the house that distinguished appearance. Also, door surrounds on the interior were painted a creamy white, and the walls were white washed,

and floor cloths were commonly used in entry halls.

With the restoration, the faux paint is again being used, bringing the Sullivan House back to its original look — work that's been done by David Cart, HMI's director of preservation and maintenance. "David faux painted the doors and the baseboards with several layers of paints and glazes, even using tools like a feather to get the right look. He then made a floor cloth

sample which is basically an oil painting of a geometric pattern on canvas" that was glued to the floor.

Other work at the Sullivan House included major masonry restoration of the chimneys on the west wall that Staicer said "were about ready to collapse," as well as new fascia boards there. "That's the very beginning of our restoration project up there," Staicer said.

On the front steps of the Sullivan House, Stacier said there were significant issues with the bricks and stone that have now been repaired. There was also window and shutter restoration. "We still have more work to be done there, but we've got a good start on that," he noted.

Restoration is also continuing on HMI's other properties.

In the last year, deteriorated wood siding installed during the restoration of the Saddletree Factory Museum from 1999 to 2002 was replaced with thermally modified wood that Staicer said has no chemicals and was tested and "seems not to absorb water," with hopes that it will be long lasting.

Stained glass windows at St. Michael the Archangel, a former Catholic church, are in the process of being restored by

Rhonda Deeg. "It's a complicated process of removing the window. It's a complicated process how they are restored," said Staicer, noting it requires labeling each piece of glass, taking it out, figuring out what's missing, repairing everything and then putting it all back together. "Rhonda is one of the tops in the country in doing that," he said.

Staicer said the museum next door to the Dr. Hutchings Office was repainted. Also, a new fence was installed on the south side of the Talbott-Hyatt, where the HMI offices are located.

Last year, 90 HMI volunteers led more than 490 property tours, donating nearly 2,000 hours — equivalent to more than \$64,000 in contributions — with more than 5,700 visitors going through HMI properties during special programs and regular tours, said Staicer. Volunteers also served on the board of directors, gave free architectural walking tours, conducted research, sorted and cataloged artifacts, and much more.

Dr. Thomas Eckert was recognized as retiring from the HMI board of directors which he had served on since 1997. "He was very generous

with his time, talent and treasures," providing leadership and advice during the restoration of the both Shrewsbury-Windle House and Talbott-Hyatt House, said Staicer.

"When Merritt Alcorn asked me to join the organization 28 years ago, being a native Madsonian I understood the prestigious nature of serving on this board," said Eckert. "Over the years it has been my great pleasure to do so, but it's time to pass the baton, and I'm very thankful to see the new young faces here to carry HMI to the future. I'm more than pleased and confident they will do a great job."

New HMI board members include Chris Cody, Pam Crozier, Andrew Forrester and Toby Harris. HMI officers for the coming year are Kevin Yancey, chair; Staicer, president; Lisa Cutshall, vice president; John Muessel, treasurer; and Jessica Butler, secretary.

Avery Clayton, a senior at Madison Consolidated High School, was named this year's recipient of the John and Maureen Galvin HMI scholarship, awarded in honor of the Galvins' decades of community and preservation-related successes. Since 2013, HMI has awarded \$16,000 to 16 recipients.

HEARING

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"This center will be more than just classrooms; it will be an oasis of growth, providing 23 nurturing classroom spaces for children from birth to five. It will consolidate our successful preschool model, currently serving 182 children in 13 classrooms, expanding access to high-quality care for our youngest learners."

She said the proposed childcare facility is "about building futures, it's about ensuring our children have the best possible start and that our dedicated staff can thrive in their careers. It's about investing in a community where every child has the opportunity to thrive."

She noted the "most remarkable part" is the Early Learning Center can be achieved "without placing an additional burden on our taxpayers" because upcoming debt repayments allow the Madison schools to "create a unique window of opportunity allowing us to make a tax neutral investment in our community's future."

Brown noted the facility is more than just providing a safe facility for childcare and education. It's also an opportunity to put children on a path to success in both education and life.

"We've seen the transformative power of our preschool program, and we know our children deserve the best," Brown said. "We have a site, a need, and a path to success. We urge you to join us in writing the next chapter of our district's story — a story of hope, opportunity, and unwavering commitment to our youngest learners. Let's create a legacy they will carry with them for generations."

Jason Tanselle, director with Baker Tilly, the school corporation's municipal advisor, said bonds will be repaid through the debt service fund. While the project's cost has been established as "not to exceed \$28 million, it's important to keep in mind that we are establishing maximums we cannot exceed, but we can

come down from."

He said the school corporation currently has six bonds that are outstanding and payable from debt service bonds that will begin to decline in 2026 and be paid off by 2031. "It is this declining debt service structure that would allow the school corporation to potentially replace these payments without increasing" the current debt service tax rate. He said maximum term of the bonds would be 20 years.

Ivy Tech Madison Chancellor Amanda Harsin expressed her support for the childcare center, sharing, "Ivy Tech stands ready to help contribute to its success. There's no question that through the data and through the surveys that highly reliable high-quality childcare is one of the most urgent needs in our community."

In December, Lilly Endowment Inc. awarded Ivy Tech Foundation a \$21.9 million, three-year grant to support the efforts of Ivy Tech Community College to help strengthen Indiana's early childhood education workforce. Harsin said the Madison campus "will receive a portion of this targeted funding to train and credential new and current early childhood educators that could staff your future center. This investment will directly support workforce pipelines for facilities like you've proposed, and all the others in Jefferson County. With this support, we'll deliver childhood development associate credentialing to help prepare new educators."

Dr. Holly Robinson, a certified pediatrician and founder of Infants in Bloom, emphasized the importance of building a foundation for the child at birth. "High quality childcare is what helps our community to thrive," she said. "We now understand more than ever about how human brains are built; the foundation is built in those first few years ... that is only done with the relationship with caregivers ... it only happens when babies are in a reliable, consistent and loving relationship with the people

that care for them. So, while childcare may be somewhat available in your community, it is critically important that care be high quality, and I know that's what the Early Learning Center seeks to do."

Dora Anim, president and CEO of the Bethany Legacy Foundation, emphasized the importance of high quality affordable childcare, which she said there is currently limited access to in Jefferson County. "Having a safe, nurturing childcare environment really contributes to mental health and well-being for children and parents, which is a top priority for the Bethany Legacy Foundation."

Anim said, "We see the benefit of having a facility like this as checking many boxes." She called it a "force multiplier" that "supports working families and enables parents to work, contributes to the economy, boosts school readiness ... builds cognitive and social skills, and prepares them for the future, attracts young families, is appealing to new residents and talents, helps mental health stability, reduces stress for caregivers and fosters health childcare environments. So, from our perspective, we're 100% in support of this initiative" because of the importance of high quality childcare in Jefferson County. "We want to work together to build a system that works for parents and families and children."

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said the city is also "in full support of the proposal you are proposing here tonight," stating that statistics show "there is no greater investment we can make right now than in early learning. The return on that investment in human capital is greater in years between birth and 5 years old than any other time throughout their lives. I applaud you for taking this bold step to do this to make investment."

Courtney said over the next 10 years the city is anticipating and planning for approximately \$100 million of new housing in Madison. "That is going to bring in greater population. It is

going to fuel our workforce, and it is critical that we have capacity in our schools for the children that these new families are going to bring to our community."

He said childcare complements the work the city is doing. "We need to make these bold steps. The City of Madison is making these investments and we are partnering with you to make the investments as well. So, I support you fully. Hopefully the community will do it. There's no greater oppor-

tunity than now for public support of this initiative."

Jane Williams, whose family owns Royer Corporation, said the company is "blessed to employ many excellent employees that have families and desperately need quality childcare."

"We believe that high quality, reliable childcare will help attract and retain high quality employees as well as the investments as well. So, I support you fully. Hopefully the community will do it. There's no greater oppor-

of Madison Consolidated Schools, said Williams. "Madison is currently benefiting from energetic city and community leaders that are helping to bring many new amenities to our area including we hope a state-of-the-art community center to serve all ages. These new amenities along with comprehensive childcare led by the schools will take Madison and Jefferson County, we think, to a new level, and improve the quality of life for everyone."



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DISASTER

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On Friday, April 11, Braun made an emergency declaration that included Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Delaware, Gibson, Hamilton, Harrison, Lake,

Madison, Marshall, Martin, Owen, Perry, Posey, Spencer and Warrick counties.

On Tuesday, he added Jefferson and Switzerland counties to that list as well as Clay, Elkhart, Floyd, Green, Hancock, Hendricks, Jennings, Lagrange, LaPorte, Morgan, Porter, Shelby, Steu-

ben, Vigo and Washington counties.

The declaration is effective for 30 days and allows the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to begin providing financial assistance to impacted communities who have eligible expenses under the State Disaster Relief Fund program.

MADISON COURIER GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Barron leads Shawe to record-breaking season

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Audrey Barron has played basketball her entire life. Nearly from the moment she could walk, she was dribbling a basketball.

So sitting out last season with a knee injury was a special kind of torture for the Shawe Memorial High School junior. But rather than feel sorry for herself, Barron used the opportunity to become a better student of the game and, in the process, become a more well-rounded player.

Barron came back from that injury better than ever, averaging 23.6 points per game while shooting 46% from the floor to lead Shawe to a record-setting 18 wins and the program’s first-ever trip to the sectional championship game. That performance was enough to net her Madison Courier Girls Basketball Player of the Year honors for the second time in three seasons, just ahead of 2023-24 recipient, Madison junior Juliana Davis.

“I think I learned a lot from sitting on the side and getting to watch the game from a different perspective,” Barron said. “So I think that last year helped me develop a lot as a player.”

A lot was expected of Barron a year ago coming off a freshman season where she averaged 16 points per game. But a few weeks before the season started she tore up her knee in practice which not only wiped out her sophomore season, but much of the summer AAU campaign as



Nina Campbell

Shawe junior Audrey Barron is the 2024-25 Madison Courier Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

MADISON COURIER GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR		
A look at past winners of Madison Courier Girls Basketball Player of the Year	Switzerland Co.	2016 — Brooke Todd, Switzerland Co.
	2021 — Jade Nutley, Madison	2015 — Olivia Crozier, Madison
	2020 — Jade Nutley, Madison	2014 — Olivia Crozier, Madison
	2019 — Kate Grote, Shawe	2013 — Olivia Crozier, Madison
	2018 — Hannah Imel, Madison	2012 — Kelsey Block, Madison
	2017 — Kaylee Clifford, Trimble Co.	2011 — Hannah Devine, Carroll Co.
	2025 — Audrey Barron, Shawe	
	2024 — Juliana Davis, Madison	
	2023 — Audrey Barron, Shawe	
	2022 — Jessie Duvall,	

well. But Barron didn’t pout and instead sat the bench next to coach Drew Kring. What she learned far exceeded just basketball skills.

“I learned to improve my attitude from just watching,” she said. “Before, I felt like if I made

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Jefferson County schools dominate girls basketball awards

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

The girls basketball teams from Shawe, Madison and Southwestern combined to win 50 games in the 2024-25 season so it should come as no surprise that the three schools dominate this year’s Madison Courier Postseason Awards.

The three teams make up seven of the 10 First- and Second-Team selections and all three of the postseason awards. Carroll County, Switzerland County and Trimble County each have one selection.

The Shawe Hilltoppers won a school-record 18 games and reached the sectional championship game for the first time in school history and are the big winner. Junior Audrey Barron came back from a knee injury that cost her the sophomore season and averaged 23.6 points and 7.8 rebounds per game while shooting 46% from the floor to take home her second Player of the Year award in three seasons.

Barron’s coach, Drew Kring, steered a Shawe squad that had just nine players to an undefeated Ohio River Valley Conference championship.

Barron’s coach, Drew Kring, steered a Shawe squad that had just nine players to an undefeated Ohio River Valley Conference championship and the cusp of the program’s first-ever sectional title and is the Coach of the Year. Seniors Allison Knoebel (15.6 ppg, 5.5 apg) and Ava Turner (10.3 ppg, 5.7 rpg) were named First and Second Team selections, respectively.

Madison won 16 games — the Cubs’ most wins in a decade — and had a total of three players selected. Super junior Juliana Davis, last year’s Player of the Year, earned First Team honors after a scintillating season that saw her average 18.8 points and 4.7 steals per game. Junior Mylee McQueary averaged 10.6 ppg and 6.4 rpg and joined Davis on the First Team while junior Addison Roark was a Second Team selection after averaging 10.4 ppg and 3.5 apg.

Southwestern’s balanced attack led to 16 wins — the



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SOUTHWESTERN FRESHMAN MIKAYLA NUSSBAUM



Mark Campbell

CARROLL COUNTY SENIOR ELLE SPENCER

Rebels’ highest total in five years — and saw junior Rorie Scroggins earn Second Team honors after averaging a team-high 8.9 points and 7.0 rebounds per game. Mikayla Nussbaum clocked in at 8.0 ppg while shooting 85% from the free-throw line and was named Freshman of the Year.

Carroll County senior Elle Spencer broke up the Jefferson County hold on the First Team to pick up the fifth spot after averaging 12.5 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. Switzerland County junior Addie Kelso (12.7 ppg, 3.7 rpg) and Trimble County sophomore Ainslie Stark (11.0 ppg, 5.3 rpg) were both named to the Second Team.



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SHAWE HEAD COACH DREW KRING



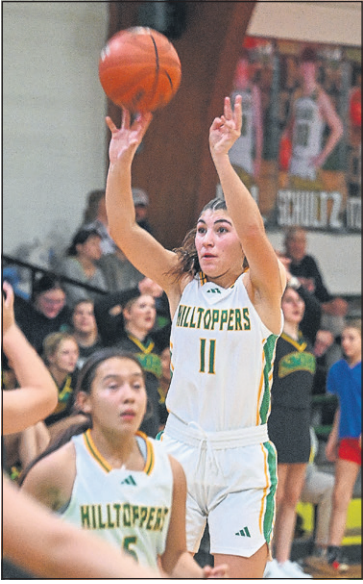
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MADISON JUNIOR MYLEE MCQUEARY



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MADISON JUNIOR JULIANA DAVIS



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SHAWE SENIOR ALLISON KNOEBEL

GIRLS ALL-COURIERAREA TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Name, School|Cl.|Pos.|Key Stats
Audrey Barron, Shawe|Jr.|G|23.6 ppg, 7.8 rpg
Juliana Davis, Madison|Jr.|G|18.8 ppg, 4.7 spg
Allison Knoebel, Shawe|Sr.|G|15.6 ppg, 5.5 apg
Mylee McQueary, Madison|Jr.|F|10.6 ppg, 6.4 rpg
Elle Spencer, Carroll Co.|Sr.|F|12.5 ppg, 6.7 rpg

SECOND TEAM

Addie Kelso, Switzerland Co.|Jr.|G|12.7 ppg, 3.7 rpg
Addison Roark,

Madison|Jr.|G|10.4 ppg, 3.5 apg
Rorie Scroggins, Southwestern|Jr.|C|8.9 ppg, 7.0 rpg
Ainslie Stark, Trimble Co.|So.|G|11.0 ppg, 5.3 rpg
Ava Turner, Shawe|Sr.|G|10.3 ppg, 5.7 rpg

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Audrey Barron, Shawe

COACH OF THE YEAR

Drew Kring, Shawe

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Mikayla Nussbaum, Southwestern

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

BASEBALL

Switzerland Co. hosts South Ripley, 5:30 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Brownstown, 6 p.m.
Hanover College at Transylvania, 8 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Trimble Co. at Spencer Co., 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Southwestern girls at South Central, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

BASEBALL

Madison at Lanesville, 10 a.m.
Carroll Co. hosts Oldham Co., 11 a.m.
Shawe hosts Trimble Co., 11 a.m.
Switzerland Co. at South Decatur, 11 a.m.
Hanover College at Transylvania, 2 p.m. (DH)

GOLF

Madison, Southwestern boys, Jennings Co., Invite, 9 a.m.
Hanover College men at Emory, 10 a.m.

LACROSSE

Hanover College men hosts Earlham, 1 p.m.
Hanover College women host Anderson, 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Carroll Co. at Dixie Heights, 11 a.m.
Madison at Corydon, 11 a.m.
Switzerland Co. at Trinity Lutheran, 11 a.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Walton-Verona, Shelby Co., noon
Hanover College hosts Manchester, 1 p.m. (DH)

TENNIS

Madison girls, Paoli Invite, 9 a.m.
Hanover College men and women at DePauw, noon

TRACK & FIELD

Madison, Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co., Madison Invite, 11 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Madison boys at Greenwood, 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

GOLF

Hanover College men at Emory, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

BASEBALL

Southwestern hosts South Ripley, 5 p.m.

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SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Carroll scores 2 in 6th to beat Trimble

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to pick up a 6-4 win over Trimble County in softball at home on Tuesday.

The Panthers led nearly the entire way after scoring two runs in the first and one in the third but found themselves in a tie game after Trimble scored two runs in the top of the sixth on an RBI double by Hannah Chilton and a passed ball.

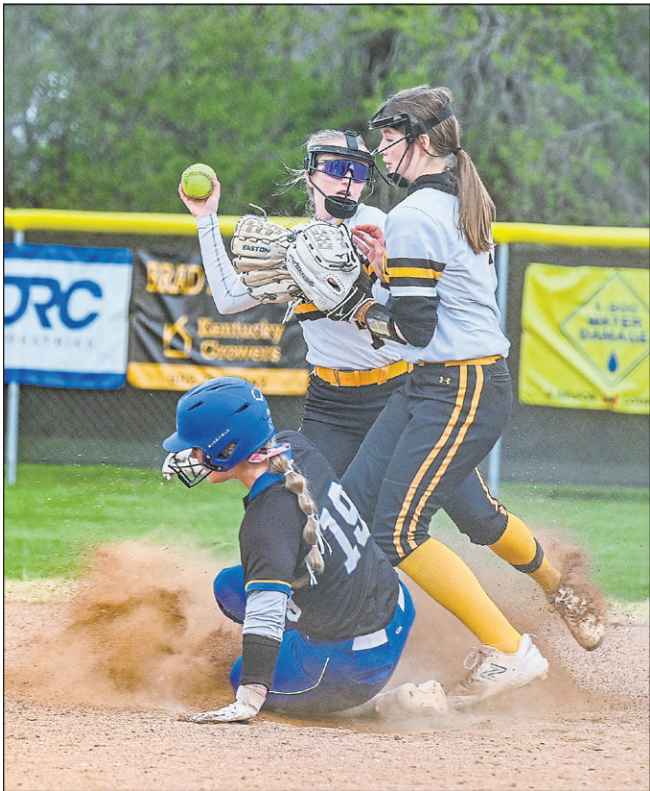
The Panthers opened the bottom of the sixth by getting the first two runners on thanks to a hit batter and a walk. An error and a single by Mallory Noble pushed two runs across for the game-winners.

Noble ended up going 4-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and two runs scored for Carroll. Brooklyn Rose was 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs, Madi Groves had three hits and an RBI and Addy Marsh had a hit and scored two runs.

Chilton had hits for Trimble, Savannah Oldson was 2-for-4 with a triple, Jocie Stucker had two hits and Jaelynn Holbrook had a double and scored a run.

Madi Groves pitched four innings, allowing one earned run on four hits with three strikeouts for the win. Alyssa Ritchie allowed three earned runs on eight hits in five innings and took the loss.

Trimble, now 6-3 overall and 1-3 in 31st District play, hosted Carroll County on Thursday and travels to Spencer County on Friday. The Raiders host Walton-Vernon and Shelby County on Saturday and South Oldham



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Carroll County shortstop Brinley Couch (7) throws over the sliding Jocie Stucker of Trimble County (19) and second baseman Kayden Dalton during the Panthers' 6-4 win over Trimble County on Tuesday.

on Monday and go to Gallatin County on Tuesday.

Carroll, now 9-2 overall and 2-1 in 31st District play, headed to Trimble County on Thursday and goes to Dixie Heights on Saturday. Carroll then hosts Owen next Tuesday.

REBELS ROLL OVER OLDENBURG

Southwestern pounded out 22 hits and rolled to a 17-2 win at Oldenburg Academy on Wednesday.

Chloe Leach led the hit parade with a huge game at the plate, going 3-for-4 with a home run, two doubles, four RBIs and two runs

scored. She also got the win in the circle after allowing one earned run on one hit in six innings with nine strikeouts.

Nataley Morrison had three doubles and three RBIs for the Rebels. Paisley Hendrix was 3-for-5 with two runs scored, Baleigh McAfee was 2-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and two runs, Myah Hofelich was 2-for-5 with a double and an RBI, Rorie Scroggins had two hits and an RBI, and Jenna Owens and Riley Crawford each had two hits and two runs scored.

Southwestern, now 5-1 on the season, had its game



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Carroll County left-fielder Jenna Hayes (11) high fives Brooklyn Rose after recording the final out of the Panthers' 6-4 win over Trimble County on Tuesday in Carrollton.

with Rising Sun on Monday postponed. The Rebels host South Ripley next Monday and travel to South Decatur on Tuesday.

CUBS FALL TO GREENSBURG

Madison suffered a 3-2 loss at Greensburg on Monday.

Ava Armbrrecht had two hits and an RBI for the Cubs, Sarah Adams had a double and Emily Laufer and Destiny Nicholson each had a hit.

Madison, now 2-3 on the season, traveled to South

Ripley on Thursday and goes to Corydon on Saturday. The Cubs then head to New Washington on Monday.

PACERS LOSE TWICE

Switzerland County suffered a pair of lopsided losses in ORVC play, falling 16-5 at South Ripley on Monday and 15-0 at Milan on Wednesday.

Switzerland, now 0-3 overall and 0-2 in the ORVC, travels to Trinity Lutheran on Saturday and to Providence on Tuesday.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Carroll wins shootout with Trimble, 16-12

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County and Trimble County combined for just 12 hits in a 16-12 Carroll baseball win Tuesday in Carrollton.

The two teams walked a total of 23 batters, hit 10 batters and committed eight errors in a rough game all around.

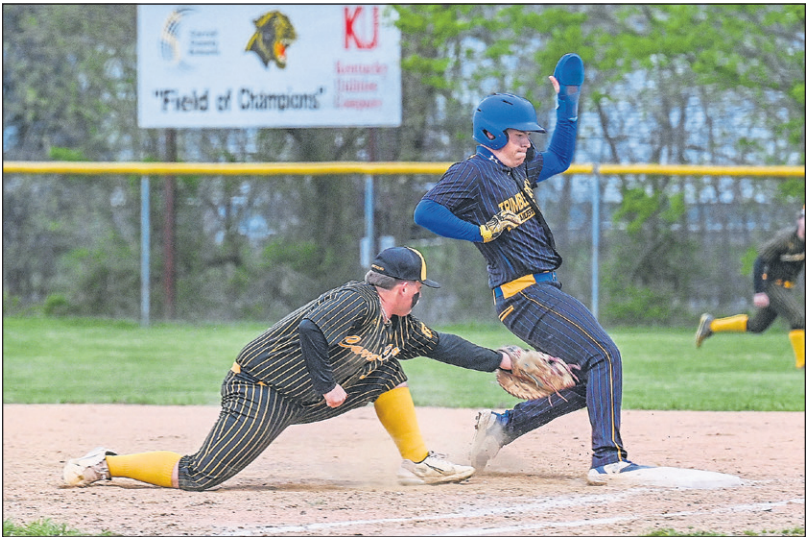
Preston Snow was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI for Carroll, Bryce Furnish had a double, an RBI and scored three runs, and Treavin Shovlin had a double and three RBIs.

Dylan Penick was 3-for-3 with two doubles and three RBIs for Trimble, Jacoby Clark had two hits and three RBIs and Nolan Hunt had a hit and an RBI.

Snow got the win despite giving up seven earned runs on six hits in 3-2/3 innings. Penick allowed eight earned runs in an 1-2/3 innings for the loss.

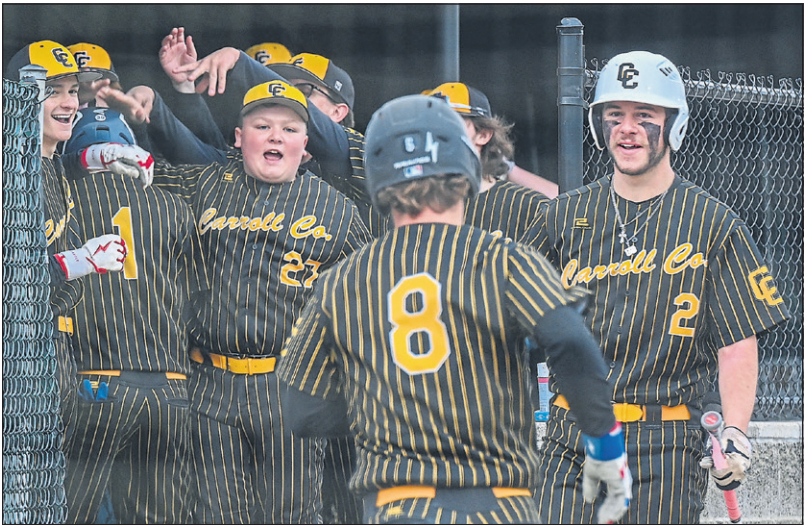
Trimble, now 2-10 overall and 0-4 in the 31st District play, hosted Carroll County on Thursday and travels to Shawe on Saturday. The Hilltoppers host Gallatin County on Tuesday.

Carroll, now 5-4 overall and 3-0 in 31st District play, traveled to Trimble County on Thursday, hosts Oldham County on Saturday and hosts Owen County on Tuesday.



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Trimble County's Dylan Penick (11) scrambles back to first ahead of the tag by Carroll County first baseman Dalten Wilson during the Panthers' 16-12 win at home on Tuesday.



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Carroll County's Coy Willhoite (2), Logan Deitz (27) and the Panthers team cheered Landon Supplee (8) on his way back to the dugout after scoring late in the Panthers' 16-12 win over Trimble County Tuesday in Carrollton.

Columbus East. Kaid Fink and Damon Harden each had a hit and scored a run and Cammack and Harsin each had a hit.

Harden allowed just one run and one hit in 5-1/3 innings for

the win.

Madison, now 4-1 on the season, travels to Lanesville for two games on Saturday, hosts Switzerland County on Monday and heads to Seymour on Tuesday.

REBELS KNOCK OFF SHINERS

Southwestern scored a 7-4 win at Rising Sun on Tuesday at home.

Jeter Chatham had two hits and an RBI for the Rebels, Adam Traylor and Braxton Lewis each had a hit and two RBIs, and Austin Jenkins had a hit and scored twice.

Tryson Warren picked up the win on the mound after allowing three earned runs on six hits in four innings.

Southwestern, now 4-2 overall and 2-0 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, hosts Brownstown on Friday, travels to Jennings County on Saturday, hosts South Ripley on Monday and goes to New Washington on Tuesday.

PACERS BEAT MILAN

Switzerland County picked up a 7-1 win over Milan at home on Wednesday.

Zayne Smith was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs for the Pacers, Carson Byrd was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, Roman Hite was 2-for-3 with an RBI and Cooper Todd had a double and an RBI.

Smith also got the win on the mound after giving up one unearned run on four hits in six innings with nine strikeouts.

Switzerland, now 3-0 overall and 1-0 ORVC, travels to South Ripley Friday and heads to Madison on Monday.

SHAWE FALLS TO JCD

Shawe suffered a 16-6 loss at Jac-Cen-Del on Monday.

The Hilltoppers were limited to five hits, two each by Tyler Hill and Brogan Johnson. Jonathan Lopez gave up six runs in 1-1/3 innings and suffered the loss.

Shawe, now 0-3 overall, 0-2 ORVC, hosted Oldenburg on Thursday and hosts Trimble County on Saturday before traveling to Rising Sun on Monday.

Madison golfers score two wins

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison boys golf picked up a pair of wins at Sunrise Golf Course this week.

On Monday, the Cubs shot a 163 to edge Seymour by four strokes to win a dual meet. Senior Landon True fired a two-under 34 to take medalist honors and Braxton Bray was three over with a 39. Owen Murphy shot a 43, Landon Lytle had a 44 and Collin McKay had a 46.

On Tuesday, Madison shot a 161 to beat Charles-town (169), Silver Creek (179) and Jeffersonville (204).

True was again the medalist with an even-par 36 under windy conditions. Bray had a 39, McKay a 42, Lytle a 44 and Joey Breeck had a 45.

Madison competes in the Jennings County Invitational on Saturday, hosts Floyd Central on Monday and hosts Providence on Tuesday.

Southwestern beats Shawe in tennis, 4-1

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern picked up a 4-1 win at Shawe in girls tennis on Tuesday.

The Rebels claimed two wins in singles and swept doubles for the victory. Annie Ford beat Sarah Willhite 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 1 singles and Emma Hatton defeated Kelly McClure 6-4, 6-4 at No. 2 singles. In doubles, Natalie LaRue and Ava Barnes beat Julia Leatherman and Alicia Miranda 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 and Jocelyn Johnson and Kaylee Hite won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2.

Shawe's Nora May claimed a 6-4, 6-4 win at No. 3 singles.

Shawe traveled to Lawrenceburg on Thursday and hosts Christian Academy of Indiana on Thursday, April 24. Southwestern, now 3-1 on the season, travels to South Central on Friday and hosts Milan on Monday.

Volleyball Cubs beat New Albany, fall to Silver Creek

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison boys volleyball picked up a 3-1 win at home over New Albany Monday but suffered a 3-2 loss at Silver Creek on Tuesday.

Madison beat New Albany 25-19, 25-20, 20-25, 29-27. Kyle Roney had 11 kills, and nine digs for the Cubs, Branson Cline had 11 kills, Jaden Woolridge had eight kills and 18 digs, Nick Jines had six kills, three aces and 13 digs and Aiden Smith had 34 assists and seven digs.

Madison lost to Silver Creek 25-23, 16-25, 14-25, 25-15, 15-10. Woolridge had eight kills and eight digs, Branson Cline had seven kills, Bryant Cline had six kills, Roney had six kills and 10 digs, and Aiden Smith had 28 assists and four aces.

Madison, now 4-6 on the season, hosted Greenwood Christian on Thursday and heads to Greenwood on Saturday. The Cubs then travel to New Albany next Tuesday.

Madison track competes at South Dearborn

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison track & field competed at the South Dearborn Invitational on Tuesday.

Madison had four wins on the night. Mason Davis won the boys 100-meter dash in 11.85, Travis Hoffman won the boys 800 run in 2:10.34, L.J. Harvey won the boys 300 hurdles in 46.82 and Anna Black won the girls high jump at

5 feet, 1 inch.

Other top finishes for the Madison boys were: Ben Crouch, second, 400 dash, 55.09; Eli Storm, second, 1600 run, 5:07.64; Harvey, second, 110 hurdles, 17.68; Jason Cosby, second, shot put, 42-11; 1600 relay, second, 3:54.53; 3200 relay, second, 8:46.87; Sam Crouch, third, 800 run, 2:11.92; Layne Laufer, third, 1600 run,

5:18.85; and Ethan Norris, third, high jump, 5-10.

Other top finishes for the Madison girls were: Haley Ferguson, second, 800 run, 2:36.31; Tayleigh Johnson, second, 1600 run, 6:45.14; Black, second, pole vault, 8-0 and third, 200 dash, 29.15; 3200 relay, second, 11:29.93; Hannah Ferguson, third, 100 dash, 14.35; Reagan Wynn, third, 1600

run, 6:48.25; Sofia Bentz, third, 300 hurdles, 56.32; Dellah Gibson, third, high jump, 5-0; Kerigan Spry, third, shot put, 27-5; 400 relay, third, 54.15; and 1600 relay, 4:48.65.

Madison traveled to Greensburg on Thursday and hosts the Madison Invitational on Saturday. The Cubs travel to Seymour on Tuesday.

Hays leads Reds over Castillo, Mariners 8-4

CINCINNATI — Austin Hays drove in four runs in his season debut, and the Cincinnati Reds beat Luis Castillo and the Seattle Mariners 8-4 on Tuesday night.

Hays, who signed with Cincinnati in free agency, singled in Matt McLain in the third inning. He capped the Reds’ four-run fifth with a three-run shot to center.

Hays missed the start of the season with a left calf strain that occurred on the final day of spring training.

Castillo (1-2) was charged with six runs and seven hits in 4 1/3 innings in his first career start against Cincinnati. He was traded from the Reds to the Mariners in July 2022.

Dylan Moore homered twice and drove in four runs for Seattle, which had won four in a row. Moore had three of the Mariners’ six hits.

Moore’s tiebreaking two-run homer made it 4-2 in the fifth, but the Reds rallied in the bottom half.

Gavin Lux had four hits for Cincinnati in its fourth consecutive win. McLain walked three times and scored two runs in his return to the lineup after being sidelined by a hamstring injury.

Ben Williamson went 1 for 3 and scored a run in his big league debut with Seattle.

Reds left-hander Nick Lodolo



AP Photo/Jeff Dean

Cincinnati Reds’ Austin Hays, center, reacts after hitting a three-run home run during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday. All the players are wearing 42 in honor of Jackie Robinson Day.

permitted four runs and five hits in 4 2/3 innings. He struck out six and walked one.

Scott Barlow (1-0) got one out for the win.

KEY MOMENT

Seattle loaded the bases in the sixth for Cal Raleigh, who homered in each of the previous three games against Texas. But Raleigh grounded out against Graham Ashcraft.

KEY STAT

Castillo had a seven-pitch first inning before throwing 53 pitches to get through the next two.

MARINERS 5, REDS 3

Cal Raleigh hit two more homers and Bryce Miller pitched five sharp innings, helping the Seattle Mariners beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-3 on Wednesday night.

Raleigh hit a solo drive from each side of the plate. The catch-

er has five homers in his last five games, giving him 100 for his career.

Dylan Moore had two hits and scored two runs for the Mariners in their fifth win in six games. Randy Arozarena and J.P. Crawford each had two hits and drove in a run.

Arozarena has reached base safely in 14 consecutive games, including five doubles and 10 RBIs.

Miller (1-2) allowed three hits, struck out eight and walked two. Andrés Muñoz handled the ninth for his seventh save.

Cincinnati had won four in a row and six of seven overall.

Reds right-hander Nick Martinez (0-3) permitted four runs — three earned — and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Cincinnati trailed 5-0 before rallying for three runs in the seventh. Christian Encarnacion-Strand hit a two-run double and scored on Jose Trevino’s single.

But Carlos Vargas escaped the jam when he got Matt McLain to bounce into an inning-ending double play.

KEY MOMENT

Raleigh also made a few key defensive plays. He grabbed a soft second-inning grounder by Austin Hays with his bare hand and sent a shovel pass to Rowdy Tellez at first.

Trevino doubled with two outs in the third for Cincinnati’s first hit of the game. He tried to score on TJ Friedl’s single, but he was thrown out on Luke Raley’s dart to Raleigh.

KEY STAT

It was Raleigh’s fourth career game homering from both sides of the plate.

NFL teams no longer shying away from older prospects in draft

BY ROB MAADDI

AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

Bo Nix has already turned 25. Michael Penix Jr. will get there in May.

Both quarterbacks were first-round picks last year. They were among 56 players age 24 or older drafted in 2024.

That number was up from 54 in 2023, 44 in 2022, 16 in 2021 and 19 in 2020.

There have been more older prospects drafted in recent years because the COVID-19 pandemic gave players an option to stay in school an extra year. Even though the window is ending, the transfer portal and NIL deals might continue to keep some players in school longer.

Teams used to shy away from older prospects. Scouts and general managers once considered the age of 24 a red flag in some cases.

But the success of guys like Nix and Jayden Daniels, who turned 24 during an outstanding rookie season, shows that experience can help players make an immediate impact in the pros.

“I came from BYU, where kids go on missions for a couple years, and so people go: ‘Well, they’re too old,’ ” Chiefs coach

Andy Reid said. “Well, then they come in and they do a pretty good job. So, and really, if you start taking averages of careers, career length, there’s maybe a cutoff somewhere, but the careers aren’t very long as it is. But we do look at (age), though.”

A majority of the older players selected in the draft last year were Day 3 picks, going in the sixth or seventh round. That indicates teams are more likely to overlook age later in the draft.

“It’s just unique to where we’re at right now in kind of the football world,” Raiders general manager John Spytek said. “You got guys with sixth and seventh years really, and so you’ve got to talk about a value of are we going to have a problem with the 25- or 26-year-old? Some people have more problems with that. I’m just looking for good football players, and I’m trying to impress that upon our scouts, too. Let’s just find good football players. We’ll figure it out. So I will say it’s been really hard on the area scouts.”

“You go into these schools like Georgia and Michigan, Ohio State, and they’ve got a list of 30 guys that can potentially come

out. ... I mean it used to just be like here’s these 10 juniors, maybe half of them come out. Now it’s like, you got a fourth-year, fifth-year senior, and he might take another year. So it adds a lot more names to it and uncertainty and a lot more work that has to get done in a finite amount of time. And that’s why the scouts’ jobs are so critical to go through all that in an efficient way and present the players the right way. We’re relying on it. It’s critical to every organization.”

The number of older players drafted will decrease this season. There are 46 players age 23 or older who are draft eligible, including 17 who are 24 or older.

Louisville quarterback Tyler Shough, who turns 26 in September, was the oldest player at the scouting combine. He spent seven years at three colleges, including Oregon, where he backed up Justin Herbert in 2019, and Texas Tech.

Tennessee wide receiver Bru McCoy, San Jose State wideout Nick Nash and Arkansas receiver Andrew Armstrong were among the 24-year-old draft prospects at the combine.

Pro scouts adjusting to evolving college football world ahead of NFL draft

BY MICHAEL MAROT

ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — When San Francisco 49ers general manager John Lynch interviews a draft prospect, he often feels as though he’s entered a strange new scouting universe.

Today’s players talk openly about agents and endorsement deals, and they’re not shy about describing journeys to three or four schools or playing for an equal number of head coaches.

Lynch may not like everything about today’s college landscape, but he realizes the 49ers must adapt or they’ll face severe consequences — just like every other NFL front office.

“We’re still kind of in that Wild West,” he said in February while describing the interview process before the April 24-26 draft. “It’s great to learn about them, but when you hear them (say), ‘My agent and I made a decision,’ it’s like ‘Wait, you’re not supposed to have an agent?’ Yes, you do have agents. High school kids have agents. It’s a different world.”

NFL scouts have spent decades navigating these sorts of changes.

They long ago abandoned the practice of relying primarily on the eye test or film study to make draft picks, instead investing significant time and money unearthing morsels of background and medical information while commiserating with college coaches they trust.

Now they’re living in a new world of adjustments.

As the transfer portal essentially turned college athletes into free agents with hefty NIL deals, some scouts find themselves going through more complex webs to do a thorough job.

“Before all these guys transferred, you’d have two, three, four years of information on a player,” Titans coach Brian Callahan said. “If you were an area scout, you were building four years of a profile on a player. Now these guys might transfer two times, usually at least once, sometimes twice and now there’s gaps in the information. The assistant coaches don’t know them as well. You don’t have the same depth of character evaluation maybe.”

While some teams sought out third-party help to fill those voids, others brought college coaches onboard.

This offseason, the Cincinnati Bengals

hired defensive coordinator Al Golden from Notre Dame and the Las Vegas Raiders hired Chip Kelly from Ohio State just months after they matched wits in last season’s national championship game. The Cleveland Browns, meanwhile, promoted Tommy Rees from passing game coordinator to offensive coordinator just one year after he left Alabama following Nick Saban’s retirement.

Why? Those organizations believe the affiliations they had with the players they coached and recruited can provide insight into additional draft prospects.

“It’s valuable he’s got that experience,” Bengals senior director of player personnel Duke Tobin said. “He’s going to have recruited those guys, he’s going to have played against a lot of those guys, he’s going to have game-planned against a lot of those guys. What he knows, we’ll download and he won’t be shy to help us.”

Naturally, there’s a flip side to Callahan’s concerns, too.

Player movement gives scouts a chance to see how non-power conference stars stack up against stronger competition and how they fit into multiple schemes before they don an NFL jersey. The benefit of playing for more coaches also means teams can paint a more complete picture thanks to more voices.

Even those NIL deals have found their way into the scouting toolbox.

“It’s a way for us to evaluate how much they love the game, how they’re going to handle themselves professionally,” said John Schneider, Seahawks president of football operations. “There are guys that have two, three cars, guys making \$6 million and some guys making \$30,000. So it’s another part of the information to put in the evaluation bucket.”

Analytics also are playing an increasingly important role in personnel decisions, even excluding the draft, and teams no longer seem hesitant to discuss using technology, such as virtual reality, to help college players make a smooth transition to the pro level.

Washington Commanders officials, in fact, believe VR helped Jayden Daniels go from 2023 Heisman Trophy winner to 2024 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year.

Colorado to retire numbers of Sanders, Hunter at spring game

BY PAT GRAHAM

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shedeur Sanders and Travis Hunter left big footprints in only two seasons on the field at Colorado.

For that, their numbers will be retired Saturday at the spring game as part of the afternoon’s festivities. Sanders’ No. 2 and Hunter’s No. 12 are set to become the fifth and sixth numbers retired by the football program.

The dynamic tandem join the company of quarterback/halfback Byron White, (No. 24), guard/linebacker Joe Romig (No. 67), quarterback/tailback Bobby Anderson (No. 11) and the late tailback Rashaan Salaam (No. 19).

Hunter, who played both wide receiver and cornerback, is coming off a Heisman Trophy campaign. Sanders broke many of the program’s passing records in leading the Colorado offense. Both are expected to be high selec-

tions at the NFL draft on April 24.

They each arrived at Colorado from Jackson State and were instrumental in helping coach Deion Sanders restore the luster to a downtrodden Buffaloes program. After going 4-8 in the first season under Sanders — a season that drew celebrities to the sideline and plenty of national exposure — Colorado finished 9-4 last season and went to the Alamo Bowl.

Hunter concluded his Colorado career with 153 catches for 1,979 yards and 20 TDs (he also had a rushing score). On defense, Hunter finished with seven interceptions, notched 16 pass breakups and forced a fumble. All that with opposing offenses shying away from his side of the field.

He rarely left the field, either. Hunter played in a total 2,625 snaps, which led the FBS in 2023 and ‘24.

It was a bountiful award season for Hunter. In addition to the Heisman, he picked up the Walter Camp Award, his second straight Paul Hornung Award (most versatile player) and the Bednarik Award. He also took home the Lott IMPACT Trophy as national defensive player of the year and the Biletnikoff Award as the top receiver.

Shedeur Sanders left some hardware of his own — the Johnny Unitas award that’s handed to college football’s top QB. He was named the 2024 Big 12 offensive player of the year.

Sanders shattered more than 100 school marks while under center for the Buffaloes, including career passing touchdowns, passer rating and completion percentage. Sanders threw for 7,364 yards and 64 TDs with a 71.8% completion rate in his Colorado career.

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NBA playoffs once again an international showcase of stars

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

They'll be watching in Canada, not just because of Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, though the NBA's scoring champion and MVP favorite who plays for Oklahoma City surely helps lure in fans who are north of the border.

They'll be watching from Serbia and Greece, the homelands of Denver star Nikola Jokic and Milwaukee star Giannis Antetokounmpo. Alperen Sengun will have them watching Houston games in the middle of the night in Turkey, too. Slovenian fans will be watching Luka Doncic and the Lakers play their playoff opener at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Los Angeles. Fans in Cameroon will be tuned in to see Pascal Siakam and the Indiana Pacers. Defending champion Boston features, among others, Kristaps Porzingis of Latvia and Al Horford of the Dominican Republic.

Once again, the NBA playoffs are setting up to be a showcase for international stars.

In a season where the five statistical champions were from five different countries, an NBA first — Gilgeous-Alexander is Canadian, rebounding champion Domantas Sabonis of Sacramento is from Lithuania, blocked shots champion Victor Wembanyama of San Antonio is from France, steals champion Dyson Daniels of Atlanta is from Australia, and assists champion Trae Young of the Hawks is from the U.S. — the postseason will have plenty of international feel as well. Gilgeous-Alexander is in, while Sabonis and Daniels (along with Young, obviously) could join him if their teams get through the play-in tournament.

"We have a tremendous number of international players in this league," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said earlier this season. "It's roughly 30% of our players representing,

at least on opening day, 43 different countries, so there's much more of a global sense around our teams."

By the end of the season, it wound up being 44 different countries — at least in terms of countries where players who scored in the NBA this season were born. For the first time in NBA history, players from one country other than the U.S. combined to score more than 15,000 points; Canadian players scored 15,588 this season, led by Gilgeous-Alexander, the first scoring champion from that country.

Gilgeous-Alexander is favored to be MVP this season. It'll be either him or Jokic, which means it'll be a seventh consecutive year with an international MVP for the NBA. Antetokounmpo won twice, then Jokic won three of the next four, with Cameroon-born Joel Embiid of the Philadelphia 76ers winning two seasons ago.

"Shai is in the category of you do not stop him," Toronto coach Darko Rajakovic said after a game between the Raptors and Thunder this season.

In other words, he's like a lot of other international guys now. Nobody truly stops Jokic, Antetokounmpo and Doncic either.

And this season brought another international first: Doncic finished atop the NBA's most popular jersey list, meaning NBAStore.com sold more of his jerseys than they did anyone else's. Sure, that was bolstered by Doncic changing jerseys midseason when he was traded by Dallas to the Los Angeles Lakers, but it still is significant.

The Slovenian star is the first international player to finish atop the most popular jerseys list — and the first player other than Stephen Curry or LeBron James to hold that spot in more than a decade, since soon-to-be-enshrined Basketball Hall of Famer Carmelo Anthony did it when he was

with New York in 2012-13.

"We're so small, we have 2 million people. But really, our sport is amazing," fellow Slovene Ajsa Sivka said when she was drafted by the WNBA's Chicago Sky on Monday night and asked about Doncic and other top Slovenian athletes. "No matter what sport, we have at least someone that's great in it. I'm just really proud to be Slovenian."

All this comes at a time where the NBA is more serious than perhaps ever before about growing its international footprint. Last month, FIBA — the sport's international governing body — and the NBA announced a plan to partner on a new European basketball league that has been taking shape for many years. The initial target calls for a 16-team league and it potentially could involve many of the biggest franchise names in Europe, such as Real Madrid, Paris Saint-Germain and Manchester City.

It was a season where four players topped 2,000 points in the NBA and three of them were international with Gilgeous-Alexander, Jokic and Antetokounmpo. Globally, time spent watching NBA League Pass was up 6% over last season. More people watched NBA games in France this season than ever before, even with Wembanyama missing the final two months. NBA-related social media views in Canada this season set records, and league metrics show more fans than ever were watching in the Asia-Pacific region — already a basketball hotbed — as well.

FIBA secretary general Andreas Zagklis said the numbers — which are clearly being fueled by the continued international growth — suggest the game is very strong right now.

"Looking around the world, and of course here in North America," Zagklis said, "the NBA is most popular and more commercially successful than ever."

Wings pick Bueckers No. 1 in WNBA draft

No pick in first round for Fever

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — Paige Bueckers is ready for her next chapter after a whirlwind week that started with her helping UConn win its 12th national championship and ended with her becoming the WNBA's No. 1 draft pick by the Dallas Wings.

"I'm just extremely excited to be there. I've only heard great things about the city," Bueckers said of Dallas. "So excited to start that new chapter and be in a new city and explore that and give everything I have to the Wings organization. I know we're going to do great things, and it's a fresh start, and I think we're all ready to do something special."

The versatile UConn star is the latest Huskies standout to go No. 1, joining former greats Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi, Tina Charles, Maya Moore and Breanna Stewart.

Bueckers has had a busy time since helping UConn win the title on April 6. She has split her time between New York and Connecticut doing morning and nighttime talk shows. On Sunday, she took part in the Huskies' championship parade.

"I'm glad New York and Storrs are pretty close to each other because there's been a lot of back and forth," Bueckers said. "Part of me wants to stay at school, celebrate with the team, be with them, enjoy the last moments of being in Storrs, and the other part of me has to get ready for the next chapter."

Bueckers got to enjoy the moment Monday night with her UConn teammates and coach Geno Auriemma who were in the audience at the draft, which was held at The Shed in New York. Bueckers choked up when talking about her former Huskies teammates.

"They mean everything to me. They helped me get through highs and lows," Bueckers said.

Seattle followed Dallas' selection by taking 19-year-old French star Dominique Malonga with the No. 2 pick. The 6-foot-6 Malonga was part of the silver medal winning French Olympic basketball team. She's the first French player to be drafted this high since 1997, when Isabelle Fijalkowski went second.

"I was so proud to achieve that goal," Malonga said. "It showed that French basketball has evolved as we've seen the past few years on the NBA side. We see Wemby (Victor Wembanyama) and Zacharie (Risacher) show that French basketball is great."

The Washington Mystics, with a new coach and general manager, then took Notre Dame's Sonia Citron with the third pick, and Southern Cal's Kiki Iriafen with No. 4. They also took Kentucky guard Georgia Amoore with the sixth pick. Amoore was

dressed on the WNBA's orange carpet by NBA star Russell Westbrook, who has a clothing brand called Honor The Gift. Amoore said Westbrook designed her outfit and was amazing to work with since they first got together on a Zoom session last November.

"It's phenomenal. He did such a good job,"

Amoore said of Westbrook. "It wasn't just to put his name on something. He spent hours at the hotel fitting it ... He's been very active in the process. To have a contact like that now, someone I can lean on or into is amazing. It's the start. You'll see this happen more often. It's

a blessing to be the first one to do this."

The expansion Golden State Valkyries made Juste Jocyte of Lithuania with the first draft choice in franchise history.

Connecticut had consecutive picks and took LSU's Aneeshah Morrow seventh and N.C. State's Saniya Rivers eighth.

Los Angeles took Alabama's Sarah Ashlee Barkner ninth. Chicago drafted Ajsa Sivka from Slovenia 10th, and then TCU's Hailley Van Lith next.

Dallas closed out the first round drafting Aziah James of N.C. State.

Six teams didn't have picks in the opening round as New York, Indiana, Minnesota, Phoenix and Atlanta traded away their picks. Las Vegas forfeited its pick following an investigation by the league in 2023 that found the franchise violated league rules regarding impermissible player benefits and workplace policies.

Former Reds infielder Helms dies at 83

CINCINNATI — Tommy Helms, the slick-fielding infielder for the Cincinnati Reds who was the 1966 NL Rookie of the Year and had two short stints as the team's manager, has died. He was 83.

The Reds Hall of Fame and Museum said Helms' wife, Cathy, told the organization that her husband died on Sunday in Cincinnati. The cause of death was not provided.

Helms was known more for his glove than his bat in 1,435 games over 14 seasons. He was an All-Star in 1967-68 and won Gold Gloves as the National League's top-fielding second baseman in 1970-71, years in which he and shortstop Dave Concepcion formed the best double-play combination in the game.

When the Reds signed Helms out of Charlotte, North Carolina, as an amateur free agent in 1959, he was thought to be the team's shortstop of the future. But



John Bazemore/Associated Press

Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose, left, and coach Tommy Helms watch from the dugout, June 21, 1989 as the Reds and Atlanta Braves play in Atlanta. Helms died Sunday at age 83.

while Helms was moving through the minor leagues, Leo Cárdenas was establishing himself as one of the major leagues' best shortstops.

When Helms earned a roster spot to start 1966, the Reds had him replace Pete Rose at second base and had Rose move to third. Rose couldn't get comfortable at third, so Helms moved to the hot corner after just 20 games and became the NL's sec-

ond-leading fielding third baseman. He also had one of his best offensive years. He batted .284, and his nine homers and 72 runs were career highs.

Helms split time between short and second base in 1967 and was the full-time second baseman in 1968. He had been a fixture in the Reds' lineup for six seasons before becoming part of the blockbuster trade with Houston that brought Joe

entire sophomore season, Barron already ranks among the top 10 scorers in school history and has Claire Higgins' 1,301-point school record firmly in her sights. She admits to wanting the record, but she also has bigger plans for her senior year and beyond.

"I want to build a new team with new players and build on what we have already accomplished. And I want that sectional championship," Barron said. "I definitely want to play in

Morgan, César Gerónimo and Jack Billingham to the Reds. Those three became key pieces to the Big Red Machine teams that won back-to-back World Series titles in 1975 and 1976.

Helms played 417 games at second base for the Astros from 1972-74 and then had limited roles with the Astros, Pirates and Red Sox the next three seasons.

His only postseason appearance was on the 1970 Reds team that swept the Pirates in the NLCS and lost in five games to Baltimore in the World Series.

Helms became a Reds coach in 1983, first under manager Russ Nixon and then under Vern Rapp and Rose. Helms managed 27 games in 1988 while Rose was serving a 30-day suspension for making physical contact with an umpire. He managed 37 more in 1989 after commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti banned Rose for life for gambling on baseball.

BARRON

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Barron showcased those skills in the sectional opener against five-time defending sectional champion Trinity Lutheran. The Hilltoppers started off slow and trailed early, but then Barron put the team on her shoulders and ripped off 10-straight points to led the team to victory.

Barron said that she was

never worried about re-injuring the knee coming back to play. She wore a heavy brace all season but it didn't seem to bother her and she felt that she could still do all of things she had done previously.

"It wasn't that hard, because I kind of just moved past it once I got that first game out of the way," Barron said of the knee. "I kind of just trusted it and played the same way."

Despite missing her

CALENDAR

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Shawe at Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.
Madison hosts Switzerland Co., 6 p.m.
GOLF
Madison boys host Floyd Central, 5 p.m.
Shawe boys at Rising Sun, 5 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Southwestern hosts South Ripley, 5 p.m.
Madison at New Washington, 5:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts South Oldham, 6 p.m.

TENNIS
Carroll Co. hosts Eminence, 5 p.m.
Southwestern girls host Milan, 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, APRIL 22
BASEBALL
Southwestern at New Washington, 5 p.m.
Carroll Co. hosts Owen Co., 5:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Gallatin Co., 5:30 p.m.
Madison at Seymour, 6 p.m.
GOLF
Madison boys host Providence, 4:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys at Milan, 5 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Southwestern at South Decatur, 5 p.m.

Switzerland Co. at Providence, 5:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Gallatin Co., 5:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. hosts Owen Co., 6 p.m.
TENNIS
Carroll Co. hosts Gallatin Co., 5 p.m.
Madison girls at Jeffersonville, 5 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Henry Co., 5 p.m.
TRACK & FIELD
Shawe at South Decatur, 5 p.m.
Switzerland Co. at Lawrenceburg, 5 p.m.
Trimble Co., NCKC Championships at Walton-Verona, 5 p.m.
Madison at Seymour, 5:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Madison boys at New Albany, 7 p.m.

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Rockies’ manager has L.A. commute interrupted by quake

LOS ANGELES — Colorado Rockies manager Bud Black had his commute to Los Angeles interrupted Monday by a 5.2-magnitude earthquake that shook Southern California.

The Rockies had been in San Diego for a three-game series against the Padres that ended Sunday.

The widely felt quake

caused items to fall off shelves at his house in San Diego, where Black lives in the offseason. He planned to commute via train to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles for the start of a series against the Dodgers.

“I was down on the platform at 10:35 waiting for the 10:40 train. Perfect,” he said. “Announcement came on that because of

the earthquake they had to check the tracks. I didn’t want to wait.”

Instead, Black took a ride share to Dodger Stadium, which cost him not

quite \$200.

“Old-school meal money used to take care of it, but not anymore,” he said, smiling.



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The Project includes the following Work:
Demolition:
- approximately 770 SY of existing heavy duty concrete pavement (undetermined thickness) with trench drain.
- approximately 1,010 SY of existing asphalt pavement (undetermined thickness)
- approximately 165 SY of existing crushed stone pavement
- 8 steel columns and foundations
- 5 steel beams
- temporary structural shoring
- approximately 695 LF of existing chain link fence
Installation/Construction:
- approximately 760 SY of 8" heavy duty concrete pavement with 100' heavy duty trench drain and drain pipe
- approximately 1,145 SY of heavy-duty asphalt pavement
- Replacement of 8 steel columns (W6X20, W8X28, & W16X36) and concrete foundations
- Replacement of 5 steel beams (W10X39 & W6X25)
- approximately 925 LF of black vinyl chain link fence w/ privacy slats
Bid Alternates
- 20'x50' pre-engineered steel shelter with concrete foundations (actual building size to be determined by owner)
- 5' tall concrete wall 28' long built on top of an existing concrete retaining wall
- Existing Building Sheet Metal Roof and Siding Replacement
Miscellaneous
- Miscellaneous items necessary for construction of a complete project.

The bids shall be Unit Price for all work called for in the specifications with unit prices for extras as detailed in the Instructions to Bidders in the specifications and submitted in duplicate

Bids are requested for the following Contract: **Madison Transfer Station Rehabilitation Project.**

The Madison Transfer Station Rehabilitation project is funded by the City of Madison and all relevant provisions will apply.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Electronic copies of these documents may be obtained for bidding purposes from the office of Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 1829 East Spring Street, New Albany, Indiana, by payment of a non-refundable plan fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each set of bidding documents. Checks for the plan fee shall be made out to Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, Inc. The electronic documents will be provided by email in PDF format.

Requests for bid documents shall be made to Lee Anne Johnson, leeanne.johnson@primeeng.com

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Thursday April 23, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Council Chambers in Madison City Hall, 101 W Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.** Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Instructions to Bidders.
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF SWITZERLAND
IN THE SWITZERLAND
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 78C01-2503-MI-000096
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Elijah Corey Don Batchelor
Name of Minor

Kathryn Batchelor
By Next Friend

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that, Kathryn Batchelor, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on March 12, 2025 to change the name of Elijah Corey Don Batchelor to Elijah Christopher Don Hankins. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Switzerland County Circuit Court on June 24, 2205 at 9:00am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.



LEGAL NOTICE

SALE #24-049108
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of CIRCUIT Court of Switzerland County, Indiana, in Cause No. 78C01-2411-MF-000431, wherein New American Funding, LLC was Plaintiff, and Dustin Higgins, et al., were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 13th day of May, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. of said day at the Switzerland County Sheriff's Office, 405 Liberty St., Vevay, IN 47043, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Switzerland County, Indiana:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
PART OF THE NW 1/2 SECTION 9, T3N, R3W, PLEASANT TOWNSHIP, SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 9, THENCE S 00 DEGREES 11'24" W ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION 1, 009.65 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE SET IN LEE ROAD AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 88 DEGREES 30'39" E 787.80 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N 89°21'47" E 519.60 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S 01°52'44" E 332.06 FEET TO A CORNER STONE FOUND IN PLACE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 05'24" W 531.63 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N 00°11'24" E 276.58 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S 80 DEGREES 05'24" W 787.61 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE SET IN THE WEST LINE OF SAID NW 1/4 AND LEE ROAD; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 11'24" E 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THIS TRACT CONTAINS 5.00 ACRES AND IS PART OF THE LAND OF ROBERT J KRAUS (DR 103,P. 299) AND WILL SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC USE OF THE PART OF LEE ROAD HEREIN INCLUDED. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND LEGAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.

State Parcel No. 78-08-09-200-003.005-005

More Commonly known as: 5032 Nell Lee Road, Bennington, IN 47011

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

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DATE: March 7, 2025

/s/ C. Wesley Pagles
C. Wesley Pagles (37185-49)
LOGS Legal Group LLP
4805 Montgomery Road, Suite 320
Norwood, OH 45212
(513) 396-8100
Fax: (847) 627-8805
cwpagles@logs.com
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Public Works of the City of Madison, Indiana until 10:00 A.M. local time on the 1st day of May, 2025 in the City Clerk's Office 101 W. Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250, for the construction of the following project:

CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA 2025-1 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT FUNDED STREET PAVING PROJECT

JTL JOB NO. 250057

This project includes milling, resurfacing, patching and base repair of asphalt and concrete streets, replacement of non-ADA compliant curb ramps and sidewalk, replacement of curb, pavement markings, road reconstruction and all other necessary items to result in a complete project.

At the hour of **10:00 A.M.** local time on the **1st day of May, 2025** all bids for this construction will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The bids shall be Unit Price for all work shown in the contract documents and specifications with unit prices for extras as detailed in the Instructions to Bidders in the specifications and submitted in duplicate on the State Board of Accounts Form No. 96. An executed State Board of Accounts Form 96a or similar document shall be required.

The bidder must file with their sealed bid proposal, a certified check or a bid bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the proposal, payable to the City of Madison. The above checks or bonds are to insure the execution of the contract on which such bids are made.

The Contractor to whom the work is awarded will be required to furnish, before commencing work, a performance, maintenance and payment bond to extend for a period of one year after final acceptance, in an amount equal to the bid price of the contract awarded to said Contractor and Certificates of all Insurance as described in the Contract Documents.

As a requirement of the Community Crossings Grant funding utilized for this project, the prime contractor to whom the work is awarded must be prequalified with INDOT. Subcontractors can enter into subcontracts up to \$300,000 without being prequalified with INDOT; however, the subcontractor is limited to a total of \$300,000 in unearned work under contract on any given date with any owner, contractor, or other party.

The Contract Documents are on file for public inspection at City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250.

Electronic copies of these documents may be obtained for bidding purposes from the office of Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, LLC, Consulting Engineers, 1829 East Spring Street, New Albany, Indiana, by payment of a non-refundable plan fee of Fifty (\$50.00) for each set of bid documents. Checks for the plan fee shall be made out to Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, LLC. The electronic documents will be provided by email in PDF format. Requests for bid documents shall be made to Lee Anne Johnson, leeanne.johnson@primeeng.com.

The Board of Public Works of the City of Madison, Indiana, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in bidding.

All sealed bids shall be turned in to the office of the City Clerk, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250. Bids shall be turned in no sooner than 9:00 a.m. and no later than 10:00 a.m. on the 1st day of May, 2025.

The Board of Public Works of the City of Madison, Indiana, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in bidding.

MADISON BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
Mayor Bob Courtney

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Switzerland County Commissioners will receive bids for the 2025 Asphalt Patching Project, Switzerland County, Indiana, all in accordance with the Contract Documents, and Specifications. Bids will be received until 3:30 PM, prevailing time, May 2, 2025 to the Switzerland County Highway Department, 212 West Main St, Vevay IN 47043. Bids will be publicly opened on May 5, 2025 at 5:00PM in the Switzerland County Commissioners Meeting, Switzerland County Technology Center, 708 West Seminary St, Vevay, IN 47043. Bids received after that time will be returned unopened.

The work shall consist of patching various spots and shoulder stone berming on county roadways, layout, traffic control, cleanup and associated work.

Bidding packets can be requested by contacting the Switzerland County Highway Department, highway@switzerland.in.gov or 812-427-4430.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the Switzerland County Highway Department, 212 West Main St, Vevay, IN 47043.

The Proposal must be made on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashier's or certified check, drawn on an acceptable bank, or an acceptable bidder's bond, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid, payable to Switzerland County, Indiana.

The bidder to whom a contract for work is awarded will be required to furnish a Performance, Maintenance and Payment Bond executed on the specified forms and acceptable to the County, in the amount of one hundred percent (100 %) of the Contract. Said bond shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year after the date of final acceptance.

The Bidder must supply all the information required by the bid proposal form and be INDOT prequalified in B(a) Asphalt Paving with Certified Asphalt Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Plant.

Liquidated damages {9r delay will be as provided in die Bid Proposal.

Partial payment will be made monthly based on an approved payment requisition.

The Contractor and all subcontractors will be required to comply with required Federal and State labor regulations including Equal Employment Opportunity, Non-segregated Facilities, and Affirmative Action requirements.

The Recipient, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."

Switzerland County, Indiana, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof and to waive all responsibility for irregularities in bids. Bids may be held by the County for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of the bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and the investigation of the qualifications of bidders., prior to awarding of the Contract. It is anticipated, however, that the contract will be awarded on December 16, 2024 at the Switzerland County Commissioner's meeting.

SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA
Authorized By: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jefferson County Superior Court in Cause No. 39D01-2410-MF-001018 wherein German American Bank, was Plaintiff, and Jeffrey S. Spicer and Debbie D. Spicer aka Debbie Lewis, Mariner Finance LLC and State of Indiana Department of Revenue were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 22nd day of May, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Ln, Madison, IN 47250 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Being a part of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 5 North, Range 9 East, Lancaster Township, Jefferson County, Indiana and more particularly describes as follows: Commencing at a P.K. nail in the centerline of County Road 850 West marking the northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of said Section 29; thence south 00 degrees 25 minutes 30 seconds west 2598.28 feet to a point; thence south 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 1395.69 feet to a P.K. nail in the centerline of County Road 750 North and the true point of beginning; thence with the centerline of said road south 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 244. 73 feet to a P .K. nail; thence leaving the centerline of County Road 750 North and with the centerline of a creek the following five (5) courses: south 34 degrees 17 minutes 44 seconds west 18.24 feet; thence south 39 degrees39 minutes 47 seconds west 108.45 feet; thence south 16 degrees 33 minutes 21 seconds west 115.84 feet; thence south 31 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds west 236.24 feet; thence south 32 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds west 158.40 feet; thence leaving the centerline of the creek north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 558.27 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar in a fence row; thence with the fence row north 00 degrees 48 minutes 58 seconds east 544.50 feet to the true point of beginning.

Containing 5.000 acres, more or less.

EXCEPT: Being a part of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 5 North, Range 9 East, Lancaster Township, Jefferson County, Indiana and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a P .K. nail in the centerline of County Road 850 West marking the northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of said Section 29; thence south 00 degrees 25 minutes 30 seconds west 2598.28 feet to a point; thence south 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 1395.69 feet to a P.K. nail in the centerline of County Road 750 North; thence south 00 degrees 48 minutes 58 seconds west 317. 58 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar set, and the true point of beginning; thence continuing south 00 degrees 48 minutes 58 seconds west 172.92 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar found; thence south 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 558.27 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar found; thence with the center of a creek the following two (2) courses: North 32 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds east 158.40 feet to a point; north 31 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds east 46.50 feet to a point; thence north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 450. 79 feet to the true point of beginning passing thru a 5/8-inch rebar at 20.00 feet. Containing 2.0 acres, more or less.

ALSO, an easement 60 feet in width and described as follows: Commencing at the north quarter corner of section 29, Township 5 North, Range 9 East, thence south 00 degrees 25 minutes 30 seconds west 2598.28 feet to a point; thence north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 1640.42 feet to a P.K. nail, and the point of beginning; thence south 34 degrees 17 minutes 44 seconds west 18.24 feet to a point; thence south 39 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds west 108.45 feet to a point; thence north 90 degrees to a point; thence south 16 degrees 33 minutes 21 seconds west 115.84 feet to a point; thence south 31 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds west 236.24 feet to a point; thence south 32 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds west 158.98 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar; thence north 57 degrees 14 minutes 26 seconds west 60.00 feet to a point; thence north 32 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds east 15 6. 98 feet to a point; thence north 31 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds east 227.00 feet to a point; thence north 16 degrees 33 minutes 21 seconds east 120.29 feet to a point; thence north 39 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds east 90.54 feet to a point; thence north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 75.72 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as 8785 West 750 N, Commiskey, Indiana 47227.

Parcel #39-04-29-000-006.002-004 Lancaster Township

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuations or appraisal laws. Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known 39D01-2410-MF-001018 in the Superior Court of Jefferson County, Indiana.

Ben Flint
Sheriff of Jefferson County
Plaintiff's Attorney:
Rhonda S. Miller
Smith & Miller LLP
P.O. Box 3435
Carbondale IL 62902
Phone: (812) 882-0222
SMITH & MILLER LLP IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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Herro's 38 lets Heat dominate Bulls in Play-In

BY ANDREW SELIGMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Tyler Herro and the Heat had it going right from the start. Another performance like that could catapult Miami into the playoffs.

Herro scored 38 points, and the Heat dominated the Chicago Bulls 109-90 on Wednesday night to advance in the Play-In Tournament.

Herro scored 23 points as Miami grabbed a 71-47 halftime lead, and the Heat knocked the Bulls out of the play-in for the third year in a row. They play at Atlanta on Friday for a chance to meet top-seeded Cleveland in the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs. The Hawks lost to Orlando on Tuesday.

"We're only halfway there," coach Erik Spoelstra said. "We didn't have the luxury of having the one game and then you're automatically in. Guys feel great about this win and really put a lot into this. This is not something that could just happen overnight. I feel like there's been some good things happening the last several weeks."

Getting to this point hasn't been easy for the Heat. There was the stand-off with Jimmy Butler that ended with a trade deadline deal to Golden State in February, and a 10-game losing streak in March. Miami then won eight of 12 to close the regular season and finish 10th in the East at 37-45.

Against Chicago, Herro

made his first eight shots and was 13 of 19 in the game.

Andrew Wiggins had 20 points and nine rebounds. Bam Adebayo added 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Davion Mitchell chipped in with 15 points and nine assists. The Heat had 10 steals and seven

blocks, and it all added up to payback for a three-game sweep in the regular season.

Josh Giddey had 25 points and 10 rebounds for Chicago. Coby White scored 17, though he shot 5 of 20. Nikola Vucevic finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds.



LEGAL NOTICE

SALE #24-049505
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of CIRCUIT Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-2411-MF-001083, wherein Planet Home Lending, LLC was Plaintiff, and Jason R Bayne, et al., were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 22nd day of May, 2025, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. of said day, at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, 1150 JA Berry Ln., Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana: LOT NUMBERED 38 IN COLLEGE HILL ADDITION IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA. SEE PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 84 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA.

State Parcel No. 009-00662-00
More Commonly known as: 2410 South College Hills Drive, Hanover, IN 47243

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

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DATE: February 17, 2025
/s/ C. Wesley Pagles Ben Flint
C. Wesley Pagles (37185-49) Jefferson County Sheriff
LOGS Legal Group LLP
4805 Montgomery Road, Suite 320
Norwood, OH 45212
(513) 396-8100 Fax: (847) 627-8805
cwpagles@logs.com
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Canaan Community Academy will be accepting quotes for lawn care. This should include the campus with the land lab. Quotes should be sent or dropped off at Canaan Community Academy. Please contact Kristi Allard, 812-839-0003 for the specifications and to schedule a walk through of the campus and landlab. All quotes should be submitted by noon on April 21, 2025.



NOTICE
(OFFER BY PUBLICATION)

To: Unknown owner, the State of Indiana (condemnor) needs your land for a public road improvement known as hot mix asphalt overlay and small structure replacement on US 421 located 0.29 miles north of SR 56 to 1.32 miles north of SR 62, Jefferson County, Indiana, and will need to acquire the following described interest from you:

A part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 10 East, Jefferson County, Indiana.

We have made you a formal offer for this property that is now on file in the Clerk's Office in the Jefferson County, Indiana Court House. Please pick up the offer. If you do not respond to this notice or accept the offer by May 19, 2025, we shall file a suit to condemn the property.

State of Indiana
Condemnor
This notice published pursuant to IC 32-24-1-5(2)(b).



**TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39D01-2410-MF-001041 wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC was Plaintiff, and Kevin M. Fox; Capital One, NA were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 22 day of May, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 AM or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Lane Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana. Lot No. 12, Block G, Plat 2, Highland Heights Addition to the Town of North Madison, now Madison, Indiana. See Plat Book 1, page 30A, in the Office of the Recorder of Jefferson County, Indiana. More commonly known as: 2243 Ross Street, Madison, IN 47250
State Parcel No.: 39-08-22-443-097.000-007
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

Plaintiff Attorney
ATTORNEY NO.
15-24-01239
Codilis Law, LLC
8050 Cleveland Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
(219) 736-5579

Ben Flint, Sheriff of Jefferson County
MADISON TOWNSHIP
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